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### **CaSE welcomed publication of the Sainsbury Review today.**

Dr Hilary Leever, Acting Director of CaSE, commented:

"It provides an extremely useful overview of where we are now and how to bring the many disjointed strands promoting science and innovation together. However, the focus was consistently on innovation without much concern for the science underlying it.

"The review highlighted the decline of government department funding of science and made recommendations to increase it, unfortunately too late for this Comprehensive Spending Review. It was encouraging to read of plans to increase government procurement, something CaSE has been campaigning for.

"The Sainsbury Review has captured the main issues in science and engineering education, including the mismatch between STEM subjects that students choose to study on the one hand and job opportunities and the needs of the economy on the other. The review recommends an improvement of careers advice to remedy the situation but stops short of offering more radical solutions.

"It was not surprising to see that Lord Sainsbury recognises the severity of the shortages of specialist secondary science teachers and joins many calls upon the Government to provide additional funding for current teachers to retrain into a shortage subjects.

"It was disappointing that such a lengthy document only made passing reference to the under-representation of many groups, such as women and some ethnic minorities, given that rectifying the situation is not only morally right but would drive forward science and innovation in the UK."

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### **Notes for Editors**

1. For more information contact Dr Hilary Leever on 07905 304 702
2. CaSE is a pressure group that works to improve the scientific health of the UK . CaSE was founded in 1986 (then known as Save British Science), and is accepted as an organisation that speaks for a wide section of the science and engineering community in a constructive but also critical and forceful manner. We speak directly to ministers and civil servants, interact with the press and backbench politicians, organise symposia to discuss current developments in policy, and publish documents. Our work is supported by 1,500 individual scientists and engineers and by a wide range of industrial companies, universities, city financiers, learned societies, publishers and others. Full details of CaSE's work can be found at [www.sciencecampaign.org.uk](http://www.sciencecampaign.org.uk).

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CaSE Annual Distinguished Lecture: "Science and Education" David Willetts, MP  
6.30pm Wednesday October 17th at the Wellcome Collection  
Please see website for details and contact us for a ticket.