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## **CaSE calls upon the Chancellor to maintain the UK's increased investment in science and engineering**

Responding to the Pre-Budget Report the Campaign for Science & Engineering's Director, Nick Dusic, said: "It is vital that during these difficult economic times the UK continues to sustain its increased investment in science and engineering. The Chancellor needs to be careful that the greater policy focus on delivering short-term economic returns does not risk the long-term sustainability of the research and skills base."

CaSE welcomed the announcement that the £442 million of investment in research and education infrastructure would be accelerated. Commenting, Nick Dusic said: "scientific facilities are a long-term investment and it is great that they are being prioritized in government infrastructure spending."

CaSE welcomed the central role that science and engineering played within HM Treasury's report *The UK economy: addressing long-term strategic challenges*. It highlighted the importance of continuing the government's investment in scientific research and skills.

Commenting Nick Dusic said "The economic downturn will mean that technology companies will be making hard decisions about the distribution of their global R&D capacity. The Government needs to maintain its long-term commitment to science and engineering to show companies that the UK is a good place to invest and to sow the seeds of the industries of the future."

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Notes to Editors

1. For further information, please contact Nick Dusic, Director of CaSE, on 020 7679 4995 or 07749 953041.
2. Campaign for Science & Engineering (CaSE) is a policy advocate for science and engineering in the UK. We work to ensure that science and engineering are high on the political agenda so that they receive the funding and support necessary for the UK to have world leading research, skilled scientists and engineers, innovative businesses and evidence-based policy. CaSE is supported by its members, which includes individuals, corporations, universities and learned societies. Further information on CaSE can be found on our website:  
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