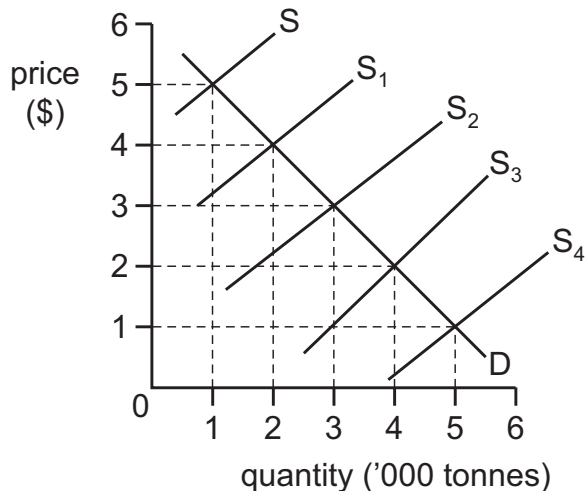


15 In the diagram, D is the demand curve of an agricultural commodity and S is the initial supply curve.

The government promises to maintain farmers' incomes at least at this initial level. The harvests in four subsequent years are shown by supply curves S_1 – S_4 .



How much in total will the government need to pay to support farmers over the four subsequent years?

A \$0

B \$3000

C \$6000

D \$10000