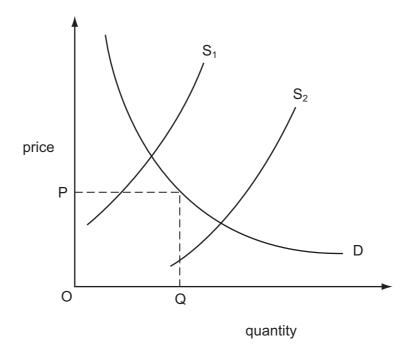
18 The diagram shows the demand curve for an agricultural commodity that has unitary elasticity.  $S_1$  is the supply curve if there is a bad harvest and  $S_2$  is the supply curve if there is a good harvest.



What should the government do in order to stabilise the incomes of farmers?

- A allow the price of the commodity to be determined by the market
- **B** fix the price paid to farmers at price OP
- **C** introduce a quota on production equal to OQ
- **D** subsidise farmers in bad years and impose a tax on farmers in good years