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**National Savings*****Index-linked National Savings*****MOVEMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM GENERAL INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES**

For the purposes of revaluing on repayment Index-linked National Savings Certificates (Retirement Issue, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th Index-linked Issues) and contributions under Save As You Earn savings contracts (Third Issue), the Index figure issued by the Office

for National Statistics in the month of January and applicable to the month of February is 172.2. This figure is based on the revised reference base of 100 adopted in January 1987.

In accordance with the relevant prospectuses a notional Index figure of 679.3 has been calculated and will apply to Index-linked Savings Certificates purchased in March 1987 or earlier and SAYE contributions which were due for payment and made in February 1987 or earlier.

Department of Finance and Personnel***Index Linked Ulster Savings Certificates*****RETIREMENT, SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH, FIFTH, SIXTH, SEVENTH, EIGHTH AND NINTH ISSUES**

MOVEMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM GENERAL INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES For the purpose of revaluing on repayment Index Linked Ulster Savings Certificates of the Retirement, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Index Linked Issues the Index figure issued by the Central Statistical Office in the month of January, 2001 and applicable to the month of February, 2001 is 172.2.

This figure is based on the revised reference base of 100 adopted in January 1987. In accordance with the relevant Ulster Savings Certificates Regulations an Index figure of 679.3 has been calculated.

Bankers (NI) Acts

AN ACCOUNT pursuant to the Bankers (Northern Ireland) Acts, 1845 and 1928, the Currency and Bank Notes Act, 1928, and the Coinage Act, 1971 of the Amount of Notes authorised by Law to be issued by the several Banks of Issue in Northern Ireland, and the Average Amount of Notes in Circulation, and of Bank of England Notes and Coin held during the Four Weeks ended Saturday, the 9th day of December, 2000.

Name and Title as set forth on Licence	Name of Firm	Approved Offices	Circulation authorised by the Bankers (Northern Ireland) Act, 1928	Average Circulation during 4 weeks ended as above			Average Amount of Bank of England Notes and Coin held during 4 weeks as above		
				£5 and Upwards	Under £5	Total	*Gold and Bank of England Notes	Coin other than Gold	Total
The Bank of Ireland	The Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland	Belfast Londonderry	£ † 793,660	£ 376,214,286	£ 278,105	£ 376,492,391	£ 375,881,316	£ 3,851,991	£ 379,733,307
First Trust Bank	AIB Group (UK) PLC, trading as First Trust Bank	Belfast Londonderry	† 302,448	207,983,000	—	207,983,000	210,109,025	1,771,654	211,880,679
The Northern Bank Limited	The Northern Bank Limited	Belfast Londonderry	594,000	225,375,084	439,105	225,814,189	227,367,754	2,933,500	230,301,254
The Ulster Bank Limited	The Ulster Bank Limited	Belfast	321,274	204,572,332	70,697	204,643,028	208,409,923	6,007,255	214,417,177
The National Bank Limited	The National Bank Limited	Belfast Londonderry	120,000	41,835	19,672	61,507	65,000	—	65,000

I hereby certify that each of the bankers named in the above Return, who have in circulation an amount of Notes beyond that authorised by the Bankers (Northern Ireland) Act, 1928, have held an amount of Bank of England Notes and Gold Coin not less than that which they are required by the Treasury to hold during the period to which this Return relates.

Dated: 8th day of January, 2001.

MICK QUICK,
for the Registrar of Bank Returns.

† These amounts are the latest amounts approved by the Treasury.

* This column includes Bank of England Notes deposited at the Bank of England which, by virtue of Section 9(1) of the Currency and Bank Notes Act, 1928, are to be treated as gold coin held by the Bank.