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State Intelligence

BILLS RECEIVING ROYAL ASSENT

22nd October 1991

Her Majesty has today by Commission given her Royal Assent to the following Acts—

- British Technology Group Act 1991 (c. 66).
- Export and Investment Guarantees Act 1991 (c. 67).
- Greater Manchester (Light Rapid Transit System) Act 1991 (c. xvi).
- Birmingham City Council Act 1991 (c. xvii).

(44 SI) *J. M. Davies*, Clerk of Public Bills

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Lord Chancellor's Department,
House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW
22nd October 1991

The QUEEN has been pleased by Warrant under Her Royal Sign Manual dated 22nd October 1991 to appoint Michael Norman Devonshire, Esquire, T.D., to be a Circuit Judge in accordance with the Courts Act 1971.

(51 SI) *J. L. Waine*

TREASURY

RATES OF INTEREST ON LOANS BY THE PUBLIC WORKS LOAN COMMISSIONERS TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES

NOTICE

TREASURY MINUTE dated 22nd October 1991.

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury read section 3(2) of the National Loans Act 1968 (1968 C.13 as amended) whereby any sums borrowed from the Public Works Loan Commissioners shall bear interest at such rates as the Treasury may determine from time to time in accordance with section 5 of the said Act.

My Lords understand that the Public Works Loan Commissioners will be operating arrangements under which local authorities are permitted to borrow from the Commissioners up to a

specified quota at a certain fixed rate of interest and in excess of such quota at one of two higher fixed rates.

In accordance therewith the Chancellor of the Exchequer now recommends that with effect from 23rd October 1991 and until the coming into operation of a further determination:

- (i) The rate of interest applicable to any such fixed rate loan will be that in force on the day the authority applies to borrow or, if the application is before noon three working days before the loan is credited to the account of the authority's banker, the rate in force at 11 a.m. two banking days before credit day;
- (ii) Different rates of interest shall be charged on such fixed rate loans according to whether the principal of a loan is repaid by instalments or at maturity and, if repaid by instalments, whether by equal instalments of the principal with interest paid on the decreasing balance of the principal (E.I.P.), or by instalments of equal repayments of the principal and interest paid thereon (E.R.);
- (iii) The rates of such interest shall be:

PWLB Quota Rates	Per cent per annum		
	Loans Repayable		
	by instalments		at maturity
	E.I.P.	E.R.	
1 year	—	—	
Over 1 but not over 2 years	10½	10½	10½
Over 2 but not over 3 years	10¾	10¾	10¾
Over 3 but not over 4 years	10⅞	10⅞	10⅞
Over 4 but not over 5 years	10⅞	10⅞	10⅞
Over 5 but not over 6 years	10⅞	10⅞	10⅞
Over 6 but not over 7 years	10⅞	10⅞	10⅞
Over 7 but not over 8 years	10⅞	10⅞	10¾
Over 8 but not over 9 years	10⅞	10⅞	10¾
Over 9 but not over 10 years	10⅞	10⅞	10¾
Over 10 but not over 15 years	10¾	10¾	10¾
Over 15 but not over 25 years	10¾	10¾	10¾
Over 25 years	10¾	10¾	10¾

PWLB Non-quota A Rate loans will bear interest at 1 per cent above the corresponding Quota rates.

PWLB Non-quota B Rate loans will bear interest at 2 per cent above the corresponding Quota rates.

The amount which a local authority borrows within its annual quota will bear interest at the appropriate rate in the quota set of rates. Authorities may borrow further sums at quota rates at the discretion of the Public Works Loan Commissioners. Other borrowing beyond the quota entitlement will be at the appropriate rate in the non-quota set of rates.