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PRESS NOTICE

TRANSFER OF THE REMAINING UNALLOCATED PORTION OF GILT ISSUANCE TO THE MEDIUM CONVENTIONAL AUCTION PROGRAMME

The UK Debt Management Office (DMO) is announcing today that it is transferring the remainder of the unallocated portion of gilt issuance (£0.4 billion (cash)) to the medium conventional gilt auction programme.

The effect of this transfer will be to increase the balance required to meet the medium auction target from $\pounds 2.1$ billion to $\pounds 2.5$ billion.

The remaining auction in the medium programme is of a new conventional gilt maturing on 22 October 2028 to be held on Thursday 15 March 2018. Further details of this auction, including the size and the coupon on the new gilt, will be published at 3.30pm on Tuesday 6 March 2018.

Notes to editors

The DMO began the 2017-18 financing remit with an initially unallocated portion of gilt issuance of $\pounds 6.6$ billion (cash). This amount was reduced by $\pounds 0.1$ billion at the remit revision coinciding with the publication of the outturn of the 2016-17 CGNCR on 25 April 2017. $\pounds 900$ million was subsequently added to the then remaining unallocated portion of issuance at the Autumn Budget 2017.

The unallocated portion can be used to sell any type or maturity of gilt by any issuance method and has been progressively drawn down over the course of the financial year as shown in the table below.

Size of the unallocated portion of issuance in 2017-18 at April 2017 remit revision: £6,500 million			
Date	Size of	Purpose	
	draw-down		
	(£mn)		
16-May-17	-500	Increase the size of the 1¾% 2057 syndication	
11-Jul-17	-500	Increase the size of the IL 2056 syndication	
31-Aug-17	-3,000	Increase the size of short auctions (£2bn) and medium auctions (£1bn)	
05-Sep-17	-800	Increase the size of the 21/2% 2065 syndication	
07-Nov-17	-900	Increase the size of the IL 2048 syndication	
Used	-5,700		
Balance pre- Autumn Budget 2017	800		
Added at Autumn Budget	900		
Post-Autumn Budget balance	1,700		
28-Nov-17	-688	Gilt tender of 4% 2060	
06-Feb-18	-583	Increase the size of the IL 2048 syndication	
27-Feb-18	-429	£429 million added to the medium auction programme	
Total re-allocated in 2017-18	7,400		

The use of the unallocated portion of issuance by type and maturity of gilt and by issuance method is shown in the tables below:

Use of the unallocated portion by				
type and maturity of gilt				
	£mn			
Short	2,000	27.0%		
Medium	1,429	19.3%		
Long	1,988	26.9%		
Index-linked	1,983	26.8%		
	7,400			
Use of the unallocated portion by				
issuance method				
	£mn			
Auctions	3,429	46.3%		
Syndications	3,283	44.4%		
Gilt tender	688	9.3%		
	7,400			

A copy of this press notice is available on the DMO's website: <u>www.dmo.gov.uk</u>