SCREEN ANNOUNCEMENT 16 APRIL 2008: USE OF THE DMO'S STANDING REPO FACILITY

An additional £72 million (nominal) of 4% Treasury Gilt 2016 has today been created and made available to the market under the terms of the DMO's standing repo facility, which was introduced on the 1 June 2000, and revised with effect from 1 April 2008. It is intended that this additional stock will be cancelled upon return, but the DMO will make an announcement at that time. The DMO has been given general collateral at the Bank of England's repo rate against the stock it has lent at Bank Rate less 300 bps.

The additional £72 million of stock created this morning is NOT eligible for inclusion in FTSE indices calculations and the amount in issue following the cancellation of this stock will remain at £14,032 million nominal - note that this figure includes the amount of £399 million that the DMO is also creating for its own collateral pool, as announced on 9 April 2008, part of a broader £15 billion total package.