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PRESS NOTICE

STERLING TREASURY BILL TENDERS: OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2006

In the third quarter of the 2006-07 financial year the United Kingdom Debt Management Office (DMO) will hold weekly tenders at which the Treasury bills on offer will include both one-month (approximately 28 days) and three-month (approximately 91 days) bills. In addition, the DMO intends to continue to hold monthly tenders for six-month bills (approximately 182 days).

The precise quantities and maturities of Treasury bills on offer will be announced with the results of the tender in the week prior to the relevant tender. The DMO expects the nominal amounts of three and six-month bills on offer at each tender to be relatively stable. The tender and settlement dates for the tenders to be held in the October to December 2006 period are set out below. Note that because of the Christmas and New Year holidays there will be no tender on 22 December and the tender on 29 December will settle on 2 January 2007.

<u>Tender date</u>	<u>Settlement date</u>
6 October	9 October
13 October	16 October
20 October	23 October
27 October	30 October
3 November	6 November
10 November	13 November
17 November	20 November

24 November	27 November
1 December	4 December
8 December	11 December
15 December	18 December
29 December	2 January 2007

The next quarterly notice outlining the maturities of Treasury bills to be made available at tenders in the period from January to March 2007 will be issued with the results of the tender to be held on 29 December 2006.

NOTE TO EDITORS

Each quarter the DMO publishes a timetable of Treasury bill tenders for the quarter ahead, and an indication of likely maturities. It was announced along with the Budget Report on 22 March that the stock of Treasury bills in market hands was scheduled to rise by £2.0 billion in 2006-07. Following the publication of the outturn Central Government Net Cash Requirement (CGNCR) for 2005-06, however, which resulted in a fall of £0.5 billion in the financing requirement for 2006-07, planned Treasury bill sales were reduced by £0.5 billion. This took the planned level of Treasury bill stocks at end-March 2007 to £20.6 billion.

Further information on Treasury bill issuance may be found in the Exchequer Cash Management Operational Notice, which was published by the DMO on 11 September 2003. The Operational Notice and press release is available on the DMO's website: www.dmo.gov.uk.