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# ISSUES OF GOVERNMENT STOCK

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The Bank of England announces that Her Majesty's Treasury has created on 12 December 1997 additional amounts of the Stocks listed below:

£100 million	2½% Index-Linked Treasury Stock 2003
£100 million	2½% Index-Linked Treasury Stock 2020

The issue price was in each case the middle market price of the relevant Stock at 10.15 am on 12 December 1997 as certified by the Government Broker.

In each case, the Stock now issued represents a further amount of the relevant existing Stock, carrying the same rights as that Stock (subject to the provisions set out below relating to entitlement to current interest payments) and subject to the terms and conditions applicable to that Stock.

The further issues of Stock will rank for the full six months' interest on the next interest payment date applicable to the Stock.

Application has been made to the London Stock Exchange for each further amount of Stock to be admitted to the Official List.

Copies of the prospectuses for 2½% Index-Linked Treasury Stock 2003 dated 22 October 1982 and 2½% Index-Linked Treasury Stock 2020 dated 12 October 1983 may be obtained from the Bank of England, New Issues, Southgate House, Southgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 1UW. Other information and terms relating to the Stocks are contained in an Information Memorandum for Issues of British Government Stock which is available from the same address.

The Stocks are repayable, and interest is payable half-yearly, on the dates shown below (provision is made in the prospectuses for stockholders to be offered the right of early redemption under certain circumstances):

<i>Stock</i>	<i>Redemption date</i>	<i>Interest payment dates</i>
2 1/2% Index-Linked Treasury Stock 2003	20 May 2003	20 May 20 November
2 1/2% Index-Linked Treasury Stock 2020	16 April 2020	16 April 16 October

Both the principal of and the interest on the Stocks are indexed to the General Index of Retail Prices. Details of the manner of indexation are set out in the prospectuses.

The relevant Index figures for the half-yearly interest payments on the Stocks are as follows:

<i>Interest payable</i>	<i>Relevant Index figure</i>	
	<i>Published in</i>	<i>Relating to</i>
May	October of the previous year	September
November	April of the same year	March
April	September of the previous year	August
October	March of the same year	February

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