AGENDA FOR THE CONSULTATION MEETINGS¹ WITH GILT MARKET INVESTORS (3.30PM) AND GEMMS (5.00PM) TO DISCUSS GILT ISSUANCE IN JANUARY-MARCH 2018, ON MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2017 at:

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The DMO would like to invite up to 20 end-investors to contribute to a discussion on gilt issuance in January-March 2018. Attendees may be nominated by their representative organisations or they may contact the DMO directly. Spaces are allocated on a first come, first served basis, at the DMO's discretion. Places will be limited to one person per organisation. Please contact Sarah Ellis <u>sarah.ellis@dmo.gsi.gov.uk</u> (020 7862 6525) or Steve Whiting <u>steve.whiting@dmo.gsi.gov.uk</u> (020 7862 6532) by close on Friday 24 November 2017 if you would like to attend.

Q3 2017-18

1. Autumn Budget 2017: Remit revision.

2. Review of gilt market operations and conditions in September – November 2017.

The DMO is seeking views on whether or not there is market demand for any issuance via gilt tender in the remainder of Q3, and if so, for which gilt(s). The DMO has identified Tuesday 28 November 2017 as a potential date for such an operation, but also seeks feedback on the suitability of this date or other candidates. Views are requested by 12 noon on Thursday 23 November 2017 to policy@dmo.gsi.gov.uk and/or giltdealing@dmo.gsi.gov.uk

Q4 2017-18

- 3. The DMO expects to hold one index-linked gilt syndication in Q4 2017-18 and views are sought on the maturity of the index-linked gilt to be sold and timing of the offering (including any interaction with the published auction programme).
- 4. Views are sought on the choice and sequencing of conventional and index-linked gilts for auctions in January-March 2018, taking into account the scheduling of an index-linked syndication in the quarter.
- 5. The DMO is seeking views on demand for issuance via gilt tenders in the remainder of the financial year including maturity(ies) and type(s) of gilt(s) as well as timing.

6. Any other business.

Table 1 below lists the 10 auctions scheduled in January-March 2018. To facilitate discussion, a possible schedule of conventional gilt issuance by maturity is provided in Table 2. The DMO welcomes market views on auction scheduling, taking into account preferences over the timing and maturity of the index-linked gilt to be sold via syndication.

Note that operation dates in Q4 2017-18 are subject to confirmation or change, pending the Chancellor's decision on the timing of the Spring Statement.

The DMO's ongoing policy is to build up gilts to benchmark size, taking into account the impact of issuance on the redemption profile. The schedule of issuance in Table 2 is an example of the DMO's preference to provide regularity of issuance by maturity and type.

¹ Attendees are reminded that it is their responsibility to comply with competition laws and all other applicable laws.

<u>Table 1:</u> Jan-Mar 2018 Auction Calendar		
9-Jan	Conventional	
11-Jan	Conventional	
18-Jan	Conventional	
23-Jan	Index-linked	
15-Feb	Conventional	
22-Feb	Index-linked	
1-Mar	Conventional	
6-Mar	Conventional	
15-Mar	Conventional	
27-Mar	Index-linked	

<u>Table 2:</u> Suggested Maturity Split (Conventional Auctions)	
9-Jan	Medium
11-Jan	Long
18-Jan	Short
23-Jan	Index-linked
15-Feb	Long
22-Feb	Index-linked
1-Mar	Short
6-Mar	Long
15-Mar	Medium
27-Mar	Index-linked

Conventional gilt issuance

The DMO is planning that there will be two short, two medium and three long conventional auctions in January-March 2018.

- <u>Short (two auctions)</u>: the DMO envisages re-opening 0³/₄% 2023 at least once in Q4 2017-18. Views are sought on this and any other short conventional candidates for issuance in the quarter, bearing in mind the impact on the near-term redemption profile.
- <u>Medium (two auctions)</u>: the DMO would welcome views on re-opening 1¹/₄% 2027 and/or launching a new medium gilt in Q4 2017-18.
- Long (three auctions): the DMO welcomes views on candidates for, and the sequencing of, long gilt auctions in Q4 2017-18.

Index-linked gilt issuance

There are three index-linked gilt auctions scheduled in January-March 2018. The DMO welcomes views on candidates for, and the sequencing of, index-linked gilt auctions in the quarter. Views should take into account index-linked issuance via syndication in Q4 2017-18.

The DMO will announce details of the gilt operations calendar for January-March 2018 at 7.30am on Thursday 30 November 2017.

The next consultation meetings to discuss gilt issuance in April-June 2018 are scheduled to be held at 3.30pm (end-investors) and 5.00pm (GEMMs) on Monday 19 March 2018².

² Subject to confirmation depending on the Chancellor's decision on the timing of the Spring Statement.