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## ISSUES OF GOVERNMENT STOCK

The Bank of England announces that Her Majesty's Treasury has created on 14 August 1997 additional amounts of the Stocks listed below:

£100 million

2 1/2% Index-Linked Treasury Stock 2003

£200 million

2 1/2% Index-Linked Treasury Stock 2024

The issue price was in each case the middle market price of the relevant Stock at 10.15 am on 14 August 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 2 1/2% Index-Linked Treasury Stock 2003 dated 22 October 1982 and 2 1/2% Index-Linked Treasury Stock 2024 dated 19 December 1986 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):

Redemption date

Interest payment dates

2 1/2% Index-Linked Treasury Stock 2003

20 May 2003

20 May

2 1/2% Index-Linked Treasury Stock 2024

17 July 2024

20 November 17 January

17 July

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:

Relevant Index figure

Interest payable

May

November

January

July

Published in

Relating to

October of the previous year

September

April of the same year

March

June of the previous year December of the previous year May November

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