

## **REDUCTION OF THE UK'S WAYS AND MEANS FACILITY: 17 APRIL 2008**

HM Treasury has today, 17 April 2008, instructed a further part repayment of the Government's Ways and Means facility at the Bank of England, with a payment to the Bank of England of £7.0 billion. This repayment has been taken into account in the DMO's 2008-09 financing remit. This is the third payment this year, for further details see the announcements of 24 and 31 January 2008. The remaining size of the Ways and Means advance is £370 million.

### Notes

1. The "ways and means facility" is the central government's overdraft facility at the Bank of England. Until 2000, when the Debt Management Office (DMO) took responsibility for the government's cash management function from the Bank of England, the facility was used as the means of balancing the Government's day-to-day cash needs. It has always been the Government's intention to reduce the advance over time.

2. In 2000, when cash management operations were moved from the Bank of England to the DMO, a decision was taken not to use the ways and means advance for cash management purposes. Please refer to the Debt Management Report 1999-2000 on HM Treasury website or follow this link <http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk./media/E/2/165.pdf>.