

PRESS NOTICE

GILT AUCTIONS: JANUARY- MARCH 2006

In the final quarter of the 2005-06 financial year, the UK Debt Management Office ("DMO") plans to hold seven outright auctions of gilts, as set out below.

Outright auctions

- Tuesday 10 January 2006: 4¾% Treasury Stock 2020.
- Tuesday 24 January 2006: 1¼% Index-linked Treasury Gilt 2055.
- Thursday 26 January 2006: 4¼% Treasury Gilt 2011.
- Tuesday 7 February 2006: A new current coupon, 3-month lag, index-linked gilt maturing on 22 November 2017.
- Thursday 16 February 2006*: 4¼% Treasury Gilt 2055.
- Wednesday 1 March 2006*: A new current coupon conventional gilt maturing on 7 September 2016.
- Tuesday 7 March 2006*: 2% Index-linked Treasury Stock 2035.

** date subject to confirmation following the Chancellor's decision on the Budgetary timetable.*

Auction pre-announcements

The nominal amounts to be auctioned outright and the other terms of each auction will be announced at 3.30pm on the following dates:

- Tuesday 3 January 2006 for the auction on 10 January.
- Tuesday 17 January 2006 for the auctions on 24 and 26 January.

- Tuesday 31 January 2006 for the auction on 7 February. The coupon on the new index-linked gilt will also be announced on this date.
- Tuesday 7 February 2006 for the auction on 16 February.
- Tuesday 21 February 2006 for the auction on 1 March. The coupon on the new conventional gilt will also be announced on this date.
- Tuesday 28 February 2006 for the auction on 7 March.

First dividend periods

The new index-linked gilt maturing on 22 November 2017 will pay a short first dividend on 22 May 2006. The new conventional gilt maturing on 7 September 2016 will pay a long first dividend on 7 September 2006.

NOTES TO EDITORS

Gilt sales of £52.3 billion (cash) in 25 auctions and one syndicated offer are planned in the DMO remit for 2005-06, split as follows:

- Short conventionals: £12.3 billion in 4 auctions.
- Medium conventionals: £11.3 billion in 4 auctions.
- Long conventionals: £17.9 billion in 7 auctions.
- Index-linked gilts: £10.8 billion in 10 auctions and one syndicated offer.

Progress against the remit in the financial year to date is shown in the table below.

Gilt sales vs remit at 16 December 2005 (£ millions)					
<i>Figures may not sum due to rounding</i>					
	Conventional Gilts			Index-linked gilts	Total
	Shorts (1-7 yrs)	Mediums (7-15yrs)	Longs (15 yrs+)		
Outright auction sales	9,210	5,759	15,211	8,047	38,227
Remit plans	12,300	11,300	17,900	10,800	52,300
Remaining	3,090	5,541	2,689	2,753	14,073
Auctions left	1	2	1	3	7

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