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## PRESS NOTICE

### GILT OPERATIONS CALENDAR: JANUARY-MARCH 2017, INCLUDING AN UPDATE ON THE AUCTION, SYNDICATION AND GILT TENDER PROGRAMMES

#### 1. Gilt auctions

The UK Debt Management Office (DMO) announces that in the period January-March 2017 it plans to hold 14 outright gilt auctions, as set out below:

Auction date*	Gilt	Further details announced at 3.30pm
Thursday 5 January	1¾% Treasury Gilt 2037	Thursday 22 December**
Tuesday 10 January	0⅛% Index-linked Treasury Gilt 2046	Tuesday 3 January
Thursday 12 January	2% Treasury Gilt 2025	Tuesday 3 January
Wednesday 18 January	0½% Treasury Gilt 2022	Tuesday 10 January
Tuesday 31 January	1½% Treasury Gilt 2026	Tuesday 24 January
Tuesday 7 February	1¾% Treasury Gilt 2019	Tuesday 31 January
Thursday 9 February	1½% Treasury Gilt 2047	Tuesday 31 January
Wednesday 15 February	0⅛% Index-linked Treasury Gilt 2026	Tuesday 7 February
Tuesday 21 February	1½% Treasury Gilt 2026	Tuesday 14 February
Thursday 2 March	0½% Treasury Gilt 2022	Tuesday 21 February
Tuesday 7 March	1½% Treasury Gilt 2047	Tuesday 28 February
Thursday 9 March	0⅛% Index-linked Treasury Gilt 2036	Tuesday 28 February
Tuesday 14 March	A new conventional gilt maturing on 22 July 2027	Tuesday 7 March
Tuesday 28 March	0½% Treasury Gilt 2022	Tuesday 21 March

\* Subject to confirmation pending the Chancellor's decision on the timing of the next fiscal event.

\*\* The size and other terms of the auction on 5 January 2017 will be announced earlier than usual because of the Christmas and New Year holiday period.

## 2. Syndications

The DMO is also announcing today that it plans to hold two syndications in the final quarter of the financial year, as set out below:

Date*	Gilt	Further details announced
Second half of January	A long conventional gilt with a maturity in the 40-year area or longer	Around two weeks in advance
Second half of February/early March	A long index-linked gilt	Around two weeks in advance

\*Subject to market and demand conditions.

## 3. First coupon period

The new conventional gilt maturing on 22 July 2027 will pay a short first dividend on 22 July 2017.

## 4. Gilt tenders

The DMO is interested to receive representations from market participants for a gilt tender (or gilt tenders) in the remainder of the financial year. Views on particular gilt(s) to issue and the timing of any such tender(s) would be welcome. Gilt tenders may be added to the operations calendar usually with at least seven working days' notice, but can be scheduled at shorter notice as required.

## 5. Conventional gilt coupon setting

The DMO's remit specifies that "*as far as possible, the DMO will set coupons on new issues to price the gilt close to par at the time of issue*".

With this in mind, the DMO is announcing that, commencing 1 April 2017 it will set coupons on any new conventional gilts in increments of  $\frac{1}{8}\%$ , bringing policy in this area into line with that for index-linked gilts and replacing the previous policy of setting coupons on new conventional gilts in increments of  $\frac{1}{4}\%$ .

## Notes for editors

Gilt sales of £146.5 billion (cash) are now planned in the DMO's financing remit for 2016-17 (this total rose from £131.5 billion at the remit revision published at the Autumn Statement 2016 on 23 November 2016). Cumulative proceeds for the financial year to 2 December 2016 are £100.9 billion. Progress versus the revised remit plans and the current average (cash) sizes of gilt auctions are shown in the table below.

(£ millions)	Conventional Gilts			Index-linked gilts	Total
	Short	Medium	Long		
Auction proceeds to-date	24,563	15,155	18,061	10,496	68,276
PAOF proceeds to-date	2,507	1,880	1,214	271	5,873
<b>Auction and PAOF proceeds to-date</b>	<b>27,070</b>	<b>17,035</b>	<b>19,275</b>	<b>10,767</b>	<b>74,149</b>
Syndication sales to-date	0	0	10,245	13,914	24,159
Gilt tender sales to date	0	0	912	1,696	2,608
<b>Total gilt sales to date</b>	<b>27,070</b>	<b>17,035</b>	<b>30,433</b>	<b>26,377</b>	<b>100,916</b>
Auction sales required to meet plans	10,730	11,665	8,525	5,133	36,051
Number of auctions remaining	4	5	4	4	17
Current average auction sizes	2,682	2,333	2,131	1,283	
<b>Planned gilt sales at auctions</b>	<b>37,800</b>	<b>28,700</b>	<b>27,800</b>	<b>15,900</b>	<b>110,200</b>
Number of auctions scheduled	13	11	12	12	48
Minimum syndication sales plan	-	-	14,250	17,800	32,050
Syndication sales required to meet minimum plan	-	-	4,005	3,886	7,891
Remaining unallocated sales					1,642
Balance of total supplementary gilt sales					9,532
Total planned supplementary gilt sales					36,300
<b>Total planned gilt sales</b>					<b>146,500</b>
Required gilt sales remaining					45,584

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