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PRESS NOTICE

PUBLICATION OF THE DMO EXCHEQUER CASH MANAGEMENT HANDBOOK

The United Kingdom Debt Management Office (DMO) has today published a handbook bringing together in one publication, all current relevant information on its Exchequer cash management operations.

Ruth Kelly MP, Economic Secretary to the Treasury commenting on the impact of the transfer of Exchequer cash management responsibilities to the DMO on 3 April 2000 (which completed the restructuring of the management of monetary and debt policy launched in 1997) said;

“The new structure has proved to be a success. The DMO has worked successfully with the market to implement its primary objective to offset the expected outturn cash flow into or out of the National Loans Fund, on every business day. Already, with less than two years’ track record in its cash management operations, the DMO has become a fully established participant in the London money markets”.

Notes to editors

The transfer of Exchequer cash management responsibilities to the DMO from the Bank of England represented the conclusion of the Government’s restructuring of the management of monetary and debt policy launched by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 6 May 1997.

The publication of the handbook fulfils an undertaking the DMO gave to the Treasury Sub-committee to produce a document which provides all relevant material on the DMO’s approach to cash management and its operations.

The handbook being published today includes information on:

- the structure of Government cash management;
- how Exchequer cash management is carried out by the DMO and its relationship with other bodies;
- the DMO’s cash management operations since 2000;
- Treasury bill tender results.

It also includes copies of:

- the DMO cash management operational notice of September 2001 (including the Treasury bill Information Memorandum);
- the UK Sterling Treasury bill update of September 2001;
- information on Exchequer cash management available on the DMO web site

This press release and the DMO Exchequer cash management handbook will be appearing on the DMO web site www.dmo.gov.uk. Copies of the Handbook are available from the DMO by telephoning 020-7862-6525.