United Kingdom Balance of Payments: preliminary figures for the third quarter of 1986

Preliminary estimates indicate that the UK current account (seasonally adjusted) was in deficit by just under £0.8 billion in the third quarter of 1986 and in balance in the first nine months of the year (Table 1) .

There was a deficit on visible trade of £3.0 billion in the third quarter and a surplus on invisibles transactions of £2.3 billion. (An article on page 87 describes the basis of the earlier projections of the monthly invisibles balance, and the projections for October and November 1986 shown on page 48). In the first three quarters of the year the deficit on visible trade and the estimated surplus on invisibles were both £6.1 billion (Table 1).

The preliminary estimates for invisibles in the third quarter put the net credit on services at £1.6 billion (Table 5). Net investment earnings (interests, profits and dividends) are put at £1.5 billion and net transfer payments overseas are put at £0.9 billion (Tables 6 and 7). It must be stressed that figures for invisible transactions, particularly for the most recent quarters, are liable to substantial revisions as later information becomes available.

Between the second and third quarters the deficit on visible trade increased by £1.5 billion, reflecting an increase of £1.4 billion in the deficit on non-oil trade and a reduction of £0.1 billion in the surplus on oil (Table 2).

The estimated surplus balance on services was significantly higher in the third quarter (£1.6 billion compared with £1.3 billion in the previous quarter). There was a substantial increase in the surplus on financial and other services (particularly in respect of insurance). The travel account remained in deficit, although somewhat below the second quarter's level (Table 5).

The estimated surplus balance on interest, profits and dividends was also significantly higher in the third quarter (just under £1.5 billion compared with £1.1 billion in the previous quarter). Earnings on UK direct investment, and interest and dividends from portfolio investment overseas (which includes banks' earnings on lending in the form of securities), both increased substantially, but there was an increase in net interest payments overseas associated with UK banks' borrowing and other lending (Table 6).

The deficit on transfers in the third quarter (£0.9 billion) was higher than in the second quarter mainly because of an increase in net transfers to the European Community and transactions under bilateral aid which rose from the low second quarter figure (Table 7).

Although figures for transactions in external assets and liabilities are not yet complete, the available data (which exclude most of the information on UK non-bank private sector transactions with banks overseas) show a net outflow of £0.9 billion in the third quarter, following an outflow of £2.6 billion in the preceding quarter (Table 8)

UK banks' overseas borrowing and lending, and their portfolio investment in overseas securities resulted in a net inflow of £3.4 billion in the third quarter compared with an outflow of £0.7 billion in the second. The very high figures for both overseas foreign currency borrowing and lending in the third quarter reflect substantial growth in inter-bank business between banks in the major financial centres (Tables 10 and 11) .

Preliminary figures show a very high level of UK direct investment overseas in the third quarter, reflecting in part increased take-over activity in the United States. (Table 9).

UK portfolio investment overseas showed a decline in the third quarter affecting all sectors (Table 10).

The increase of £2.3 billion in the official reserves included proceeds from HM Government's $4 billion floating rate note issue in September (Table 8).

Preliminary figures show an increase in overseas direct investment in the UK; investment by non-oil companies was at a similar level as in the second quarter but oil companies and miscellaneous investment rose (Table 9).

There was an increase in portfolio investment in the UK by overseas residents in the third quarter. The inflow into 'other general government securities' included investment by overseas residents in HM Government's $4 billion floating rate note issue, and the increased investment in UK company securities is possibly associated with the floating of new UK issues, some of which are tailored to overseas customers (Table 10).

Net transactions in assets and liabilities should, with reversal of sign, equal the unadjusted balance on the current account. The balancing item over the first three quarters of the year is large, indicating a mismatch between identified current and capital transactions. Part of this difference will be due to items on which there is no current information or where the provisional estimates will be subsequently revised. Also, some items, such as part of trade credit, are never picked up by the reporting system. In addition there may be timing differences between the transactions recorded in different parts of the accounts, including those of a seasonal nature.

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BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SUMMARY

TABLE 1

£ million

	Seasonally adjusted						Not seasonally adjusted							
		Invisibles (balance)							UK external assets and liabilities					
	Visible trade (balance)	Services	I.P.D.	Transfers	Total	Current balance	Current balance	Capital transfers	Transactions in assets 1	Transactions in liabilities 1	Net transactions	Allocation of SDRs and gold subscription to IMF	Balancing item
	AIMA	AIMC	AIMD	AIME	AIMB	AIMF	AIMG	CGPS	HEPZ	HEQW	HEQU	AIMI	AASA
1975	-3 333	1 336	890	-475	1 751	-1 582	-1 582	-	-1 534	3 135	1 601	-	-19
1976	-3 929	2 245	1 550	-786	3 009	-920	-920	-	-3 723	4 317	594	-	326
1977	-2 284	3 038	238	-1 128	2 148	-136	-136	-	-13 193	9 952	-3 241	-	3 377
1978	-1 542	3 478	820	-1 791	2 507	965	965	-	-4 628	1 506	-3 122	-	2 157
1979	-3 449	3 818	1 193	-2 279	2 732	-717	-717	-	-39 515	39 445	-70	195	592
1980	1 361	3 868	-222	-2 078	1 568	2 929	2 929	-	-42 141	39 203	-2 938	180	-171
1981	3 360	3 826	949	-1 976	2 799	6 159	6 159	-	-49 581	43 071	-6 510	158	193
1982	2 331	2 607	960	-1 961	1 606	3 937	3 937	-	-31 023	28 506	-2 517	-	-1 420
1983	-835	3 652	2 420†	-2 104	3 968†	3 133†	3 133†	-	-30 815	26 148†	-4 667†	-	1 534†
1984	-4 384	3 744	4 156	-2 305	5 595	1 211	1 211	-	-31 256	24 866	-6 390	-	5 179
1985	-2 111	5 757†	3 408	-3 505†	5 660	3 549	3 549	-	-50 235†	42 612	-7 623	-	4 074
1978 1	-562	845	99	-534	410	-152	-458	-	-1 593	1 265	-328	-	786
2	-159	758	279	-383	654	495	290	-	742	-1 444	-702	-	412
3	-557	927	226	-465	688	131	549	-	-1 580	919	-661	-	112
4	-264	948	216	-409	755	491	584	-	-2 197	766	-1 431	-	847
1979 1	-1 433	922	443	-525	840	-593	-911	-	-4 023	3 610	-413	195	1 129
2	-479	860	145	-491	514	35	-162	-	-9 968	9 976	8	-	154
3	-723	1 001	460	-609	852	129	536	-	-15 327	15 089	-238	-	-298
4	-814	1 035	145	-654	526	-288	-180	-	-10 197	10 770	573	-	-393
1980 1	-388	954	-98	-506	350	-38	-394	-	-13 983	12 789	-1 194	180	1 408
2	-250	936	-175	-600	161	-89	-301	-	-7 719	7 819	100	-	201
3	843	956	-27	-590	339	1 182	1 378	-	-4 573	4 460	-113	-	-1 265
4	1 156	1 022	78	-382	718	1 874	2 246	-	-15 866	14 135	-1 731	-	-515
1981 1	1 738	1 000	173	-166	1 007	2 745	2 482	-	-14 761	10 607	-4 154	158	1 514
2	1 268	957	310	-686	581	1 849	1 538	-	-8 199	6 422	-1 777	-	239
3	33	919	235	-771	383	416	505	-	-13 516	13 037	-479	-	-26
4	321	950	231	-353	828	1 149	1 634	-	-13 105	13 005	-100	-	-1 534
1982 1	442	736	-124†	73	685†	1 127†	819†	-	-11 811	11 755	-56	-	-763†
2	197	670	302	-807	165	362	-62	-	25	815	840	-	-778
3	621	516	275	-700	91	712	791	-	-18 125	16 396	-1 729	-	938
4	1 071	685	507	-527	665	1 736	2 389	-	-1 112	-460	-1 572	-	-817
1983 1	69	984	612	-89	1 507	1 576	1 320	-	-10 585	8 552	-2 033	-	713
2	-465	955	252	-804	403	-62	-518	-	5	862†	867†	-	-349
3	-86	837	946	-521	1 262	1 176	1 189	-	-11 226	11 749	523	-	-1 712
4	-353	876	610	-690	796	443	1 142	-	-9 009	4 985	-4 024	-	2 882
1984 1	-66	989	777	-502	1 264	1 198	693	-	-14 213	13 342	-871	-	178
2	-1 243	853	878	-807	924	-319	-815	-	-7 999	6 874	-1 125	-	1 940
3	-1 458	949	1 175	-758†	1 366	-92	-53	-	-1 050	-385	-1 435	-	1 488
4	-1 617	953	1 326	-238	2 041	424	1 386	-	-7 994	5 035	-2 959	-	1 573
1985 1	-1 260	1 211†	1 050	-1 018	1 243	-17	-626	-	-16 547†	13 247	-3 300	-	3 926
2	-119	1 573	819	-755	1 637	1 518	1 043	-	-6 280	4 869	-1 411	-	368
3	-439	1 592	1 221	-929	1 884	1 445	1 444	-	-15 538	10 320	-5 218	-	3 774
4	-293	1 381	318	-803	896	603	1 688	-	-11 870	14 176	2 306	-	-3 994
1986 1	-1 437†	1 209	999	-222	1 986	549	262	-	-15 067	13 491	-1 576	-	1 314
2	-1 579	1 344	1 113	-603	1 854	275	-165	-	-14 454	11 845	-2 609	-	2 774
3	-3 034	1 639	1 474	-860	2 253	-781	-987	-	-39 864	38 967	-897	-	1 884

1. Prior to 1979 foreign currency lending and borrowing abroad by UK banks (other than certain export credit extended) is recorded on a net basis under liabilities.

VISIBLE TRADE IN THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

TABLE 2

£ million

		Not seasonally adjusted	Seasonally adjusted								
		Total goods	Total goods			Of which: Oil			Non-oil		
		Exports (f.o.b.)	Imports (f.o.b.)	Exports (f.o.b.)	Imports (f.o.b.)	Visible balance	Exports (f.o.b.)	Imports (f.o.b.)	Visible balance	Exports (f.o.b.)	Imports (f.o.b.)	Visible balance
		CGJP	CGGL	CGKG	CGHK	AIMA	CGQE	CGQG	CGQI	CGQF	CGQH	CGQJ
1975		19 330	22 663	19 330	22 663	-3 333	734	3 791	-3 057	18 596	18 872	-276
1976		25 191	29 120	25 191	29 120	-3 929	1 172	5 119	-3 947	24 019	24 001	18
1977		31 728	34 012	31 728	34 012	-2 284	1 979	4 750	-2 771	29 749	29 262	487
1978		35 063	36 605	35 063	36 605	-1 542	2 235	4 219	-1 984	32 828	32 386	442
1979		40 687	44 136	40 687	44 136	-3 449	4 158	4 889	-731	36 529	39 247	-2 718
1980		47 422	46 061	47 422	46 061	1 361	6 133	5 818	315	41 289	40 243	1 046
1981		50 977	47 617	50 977	47 617	3 360	9 107	5 996	3 111	41 870	41 621	249
1982		55 565	53 234	55 565	53 234	2 331	10 686	6 043	4 643	44 879	47 191	-2 312
1983		60 776	61 611	60 776	61 611	-835	12 501	5 525	6 976	48 275	56 086	-7 811
1984		70 367	74 751	70 367	74 751	-4 384	14 852	7 915	6 937	55 515	66 836	-11 321
1985		78 051	80 162	78 051	80 162	-2 111	16 050	7 887	8 163	62 001	72 275	-10 274
1978	1	8 198	8 920	8 282	8 844	-562	485	1 096	-611	7 797	7 748	49
	2	9 125	9 315	8 790	8 949	-159	554	966	-412	8 236	7 983	253
	3	8 502	8 978	8 854	9 411	-557	613	1 115	-502	8 241	8 296	-55
	4	9 238	9 392	9 137	9 401	-264	583	1 042	-459	8 554	8 359	195
1979	1	8 444	10 095	8 313	9 746	-1 433	757	964	-207	7 556	8 782	-1 226
	2	10 813	11 370	10 759	11 238	-479	946	1 167	-221	9 813	10 071	-258
	3	10 091	10 680	10 497	11 220	-723	1 162	1 326	-164	9 335	9 894	-559
	4	11 339	11 991	11 118	11 932	-814	1 293	1 432	-139	9 825	10 500	-675
1980	1	12 012	12 679	11 979	12 367	-388	1 429	1 535	-106	10 550	10 832	-282
	2	11 915	12 223	11 957	12 207	-250	1 555	1 562	-7	10 402	10 645	-243
	3	11 430	10 570	11 728	10 885	843	1 539	1 344	195	10 189	9 541	648
	4	12 065	10 589	11 758	10 602	1 156	1 610	1 377	233	10 148	9 225	923
1981	1	11 755	10 277	11 843	10 105	1 738	2 071	1 306	765	9 772	8 799	973
	2	12 295	11 178	12 274	11 006	1 268	2 218	1 331	887	10 056	9 675	381
	3	12 786	12 760	13 236	13 203	33	2 432	1 662	770	10 804	11 541	-737
	4	14 141	13 402	13 624	13 303	321	2 386	1 697	689	11 238	11 606	-368
1982	1	13 342	13 280	13 481	13 039	442	2 367	1 662	705	11 114	11 377	-263
	2	13 802	13 783	13 857	13 660	197	2 437	1 526	911	11 420	12 134	-714
	3	13 473	12 839	13 803	13 182	621	2 853	1 495	1 358	10 950	11 687	-737
	4	14 948	13 332	14 424	13 353	1 071	3 029	1 360	1 669	11 395	11 993	-598
1983	1	14 690	14 945	14 682	14 613	69	3 087	1 318	1 769	11 595	13 295	-1 700
	2	14 760	15 505	14 745	15 210	-465	2 936	1 386	1 550	11 809	13 824	-2 015
	3	14 782	14 921	15 290	15 376	-86	2 962	1 400	1 562	12 328	13 976	-1 648
	4	16 544	16 240	16 059	16 412	-353	3 516	1 421	2 095	12 543	14 991	-2 448
1984	1	16 856	17 374	16 673	16 739	-66	3 625	1 341	2 284	13 048	15 398	-2 350
	2	16 840	18 425	16 860	18 103	-1 243	3 421	1 890	1 531	13 439	16 213	-2 774
	3	16 702	18 205	17 649	19 107	-1 458	3 740	1 971	1 769	13 909	17 136	-3 227
	4	19 969	20 747	19 185	20 802	-1 617	4 066	2 713	1 353	15 119	18 089	-2 970
1985	1	19 991	21 791	20 070	21 330	-1 260	4 721	2 763	1 958	15 349	18 567	-3 218
	2	20 225	20 632	20 226	20 345	-119	4 336	1 925	2 411	15 890	18 420	-2 530
	3	17 942	18 416	18 749	19 188	-439	3 410	1 509	1 901	15 339	17 679	-2 340
	4	19 893	19 323	19 006	19 299	-293	3 583	1 690	1 893	15 423	17 609	-2 186
1986	1	17 553†	19 379†	18 122†	19 559†	-1 437†	3 035†	1 106†	1 929†	15 087	18 453†	-3 366†
	2	18 333	20 281	17 789	19 368	-1 579	1 799	1 049	750	15 990†	18 319	-2 329
	3	16 628	19 622	17 517	20 551	-3 034	1 541	853	688	15 976	19 698	-3 722

VOLUME, IMPLIED PRICE AND UNIT VALUE INDICES

TABLE 3

1980=100

	Seasonally adjusted				Not seasonally adjusted						
	Volume indices				Implied price indices (1)			Unit value indices (2)		Terms of trade (3)	
	All goods	Non-oil goods	Services	Goods and services	Goods	Services	Goods and services	All goods	Non-oil goods	All goods	Non-oil goods
Exports	CGTK	CGSQ	HHDK	HHDL	HBYB	HCJW	HCGX	CGTJ	CGSS	CGTN	CGSU
1975	77.8	83.5	92.0	81.3	52.4	53.2	52.6	50.9	53.2	87.6	87.7
1976	85.4	91.2	98.2	88.6	62.2	65.1	63.0	60.8	63.5	85.7	87.4
1977	92.1	97.0	101.7	94.5	72.7	72.9	72.7	72.0	75.2	87.7	89.0
1978	94.5	98.2	101.6	96.3	78.2	78.1	78.2	79.1	83.1	92.7	92.8
1979	99.1	98.7	103.1	100.1	86.6	88.8	87.1	87.6	90.7	96.4	96.3
1980	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1981	99.3	96.3	99.9	99.4	108.3	107.8	108.2	108.8	106.5	100.5	101.1
1982	101.9	97.3	95.4	100.3	115.0	117.0	115.5	116.2	113.9	99.6	100.9
1983	103.8	97.2	98.7	102.5	123.5	126.8	124.3	125.7	123.6	98.6	99.4
1984	112.5	104.9†	100.1	109.4	131.9	136.3	132.9	136.0	133.5	97.4	98.0
1985	118.6	110.6	107.8†	115.9†	138.8	143.5†	139.9†	143.5	141.8	98.9	100.0
	CGTR	CGSV	CGSI	HHCX	HHIT	CGTA	HHDB	CGTO	CGSX	CGTQ	CGSZ
1983 1	102.1	95.8	99.6	101.5	121.3	123.8	122.1	123.0	120.3	98.3	99.4
2	101.3	95.2	99.3	100.8	122.7	125.4	123.4	124.9	123.0	98.5	99.2
3	103.7	98.3	98.3	102.4	124.4	126.9	125.3	126.9	125.1	99.4	100.3
4	107.9	99.5	97.6	105.3	125.5	131.2	126.5	128.2	126.0	98.3	99.0
1984 1	109.5	101.3	99.1†	106.9	128.5	134.3†	129.8†	131.4	129.0	98.2	98.7
2	109.1	102.7	99.1	106.6	130.3	134.8	131.3	134.3	131.7	97.5	97.9
3	112.6	104.3	99.6	109.4	132.2	135.1	133.3	137.1	135.2	96.9	98.0
4	118.7	111.5	102.6	114.7	136.3	140.9	136.9	141.3	138.1	96.9	97.6
1985 1	118.6	109.2	105.2	115.3†	142.7	145.0	143.0	146.4	142.2	96.1	96.6
2	120.5	112.0	109.5	117.8	141.6	142.8	141.9	145.5	142.8	97.8	98.8
3	116.3	110.0	107.7	114.2	136.0	141.7	137.6	141.7	141.6	100.2	101.7
4	118.9	111.2	108.8	116.3	134.9	145.1	136.9	140.5	140.6	101.6	103.1
1986 1	116.9†	107.6	104.5	113.8	130.8	148.2	134.7	139.0	143.0	101.0†	102.1†
2	121.8	114.7	107.3	118.2	123.2†	147.3	128.7	134.8	144.2	102.5	103.7
3	123.3	113.9†	108.6	119.6	119.9	149.4	126.8	134.7†	145.7†	103.3	103.6
Imports	CGTM	CGSR	HHDM	HHDN	HBYD	HCKY	HCKX	CGTL	CGST		
1975	84.7	75.5	88.0	85.5	58.1	61.0	58.6	58.0	60.7		
1976	89.6	80.7	86.6	89.1	70.5	76.0	71.6	70.9	72.7		
1977	91.3	85.2	85.7	90.2	80.9	84.9	81.6	82.1	84.5		
1978	95.5	90.4	86.4	93.7	83.2	87.9	84.1	85.2	89.5		
1979	105.7	103.0	94.8	103.5	90.6	94.1	91.3	90.9	94.2		
1980	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		
1981	96.3	98.6	102.3	97.5	107.4	108.1	107.5	108.2	105.3		
1982	101.5	105.7	107.8	102.8	113.9	116.9	114.5	116.7	112.8		
1983	109.7	116.4	103.9	108.5	122.0	130.2	123.6	127.5	124.3		
1984	121.9	128.2	105.0	118.4	133.2	142.2	134.8	139.7	136.2		
1985	125.8	133.0	107.1	122.0	138.3	146.2†	139.7	145.2	141.8		
	CGTS	CGSW	CGSP	HHCY	HHIU	CGTB	HHDC	CGTP	CGSY		
1983 1	105.6	112.3	101.4	104.7	120.2	129.5	122.0	125.1	121.0		
2	108.0	114.1	102.9	107.0	122.3	128.4	123.6	126.7	124.0		
3	110.0	116.7	106.4	109.2	121.4	129.4	123.2	127.7	124.7		
4	115.1	122.6	104.7	113.0	123.8	134.1	125.4	130.4	127.4		
1984 1	113.9	122.1	104.4	112.0	127.6	138.5	129.4	133.9	130.7		
2	120.2	126.1	106.4	117.4	130.8	138.9	132.4	137.6	134.6		
3	123.3	130.2	103.2	119.2	134.6	142.9	136.4	141.4	137.9		
4	130.1	134.3†	106.2	125.2	138.9	148.5	140.4	145.8	141.6		
1985 1	126.6	131.6	106.1†	122.4	146.3	153.0†	147.2	152.3	147.1		
2	124.7	132.3	105.2	120.7	141.6	146.7	142.5†	148.7	144.6		
3	124.1	132.8	106.1	120.4†	134.3	141.1	135.7	141.4	139.2		
4	127.9	135.2	111.0	124.5	131.0	146.0	133.5	138.2	136.4		
1986 1	125.7†	134.8	112.6	123.0	135.1†	147.6	137.2	137.6†	140.0†		
2	128.6	134.8	111.2	125.1	130.8	146.8	133.9	131.5	139.0		
3	139.1	144.2	104.9	132.1	128.3	154.1	132.5	130.4	140.6		

1. Current price value as a percentage of value at 1980 prices. Shows the price difference compared with 1980 for the current pattern of trade.
2. Shows the price difference compared with 1980 for the 1980 pattern of trade (the 1975 pattern up to 1977). Not available for services.
3. Export unit value indices as a percentage of import unit value indices. These values are shown against 'exports' for convenience.

INVISIBLES: SUMMARY

TABLE 4

£ million

	Seasonally adjusted									Not seasonally adjusted			
	Invisibles credits				Invisibles debits				Invisibles balance			Total invisibles	
									of which:				
	Services	IPD	Transfers	Total	Services	IPD	Transfers	Total	Total	Private sector and PC: services and IPD	Gen. govt. transactions and private transfers	Credits	Debits	Balance
	CGKS	CGKL	CGKT	CGKR	CGHU	CGHJ	CGHV	CGHT	AIMB	CGIV	CGIS	CGJY	CGGY	CGIK
1975	7 677	6 563	759	14 999	6 341	5 673	1 234	13 248	1 751	3 020	-1 269	14 999	13 248	1 751
1976	10 019	8 379	790	19 188	7 774	6 829	1 576	16 179	3 009	4 672	-1 663	19 188	16 179	3 009
1977	11 625	8 789	912	21 326	8 587	8 551	2 040	19 178	2 148	4 157	-2 009	21 326	19 178	2 148
1978	12 440	11 195	1 213	24 848	8 962	10 375	3 004	22 341	2 507	4 990	-2 483	24 848	22 341	2 507
1979	14 350	17 523	1 351	33 224	10 532	16 330	3 630	30 492	2 732	5 682	-2 950	33 224	30 492	2 732
1980	15 675	23 533	1 800	41 008	11 807	23 755	3 878	39 440	1 568	4 447	-2 879	41 008	39 440	1 568
1981	16 884	37 137	2 614	56 635	13 058	36 188	4 590	53 836	2 799	5 624	-2 825	56 635	53 836	2 799
1982	17 495	43 807†	3 291	64 593†	14 888	42 847†	5 252	62 987†	1 606	5 191	-3 585	64 593†	62 988†	1 605†
1983	19 623	42 066	3 536	65 225	15 971	39 646	5 640	61 257	3 968†	7 695†	-3 727	65 225	61 257	3 968
1984	21 383	51 555	3 798	76 736	17 639	47 399	6 103	71 141	5 595	9 804	-4 209	76 736	71 141	5 595
1985	24 248†	53 040	3 323	80 611	18 491†	49 632	6 828†	74 951	5 660	11 409	-5 749†	80 611	74 950	5 661
1978 1	3 002	2 458	265	5 725	2 157	2 359	799	5 315	410	1 127	-717	5 407	5 143	264
2	3 018	2 782	283	6 083	2 260	2 503	666	5 429	654	1 211	-557	5 982	5 502	480
3	3 187	2 847	318	6 352	2 260	2 621	783	5 664	688	1 339	-651	6 869	5 844	1 025
4	3 233	3 108	347	6 688	2 285	2 892	756	5 933	755	1 313	-558	6 590	5 852	738
1979 1	3 348	3 773	306	7 427	2 426	3 330	831	6 587	840	1 520	-680	7 120	6 380	740
2	3 464	4 047	342	7 853	2 604	3 902	833	7 339	514	1 200	-686	7 783	7 388	395
3	3 661	4 542	345	8 548	2 660	4 082	954	7 696	852	1 621	-769	9 069	7 944	1 125
4	3 877	5 161	358	9 396	2 842	5 016	1 012	8 870	526	1 341	-815	9 252	8 780	472
1980 1	3 905	5 669	422	9 996	2 951	5 767	928	9 646	350	994	-644	9 610	9 337	273
2	3 905	6 198	408	10 511	2 969	6 373	1 008	10 350	161	986	-825	10 418	10 411	7
3	3 900	5 648	423	9 971	2 944	5 675	1 013	9 632	339	1 137	-798	10 564	10 046	518
4	3 965	6 018	547	10 530	2 943	5 940	929	9 812	718	1 330	-612	10 416	9 646	770
1981 1	4 001	7 126	982	12 109	3 001	6 953	1 148	11 102	1 007	1 309	-302	11 763	10 759	1 004
2	4 136	8 348	406	12 890	3 179	8 038	1 092	12 309	581	1 456	-875	12 789	12 368	421
3	4 348	10 162	497	15 007	3 429	9 927	1 268	14 624	383	1 380	-997	15 575	15 096	479
4	4 399	11 501	729	16 629	3 449	11 270	1 082	15 801	828	1 479	-651	16 508	15 613	895
1982 1	4 333	10 191†	1 365	15 889†	3 597	10 315	1 292	15 204	685†	956†	-271	15 516†	14 760†	756†
2	4 413	11 135	488	16 036	3 743	10 833†	1 295	15 871†	165	1 379	-1 214	15 924	16 005	-81
3	4 302	11 059	641	16 002	3 786	10 784	1 341	15 911	91	1 245	-1 154	16 626	16 469	157
4	4 447	11 422	797	16 666	3 762	10 915	1 324	16 001	665	1 611	-946	16 527	15 754	773
1983 1	4 856	11 305	1 221	17 382	3 872	10 693	1 310	15 875	1 507	1 985	-478	17 003	15 428	1 575
2	4 874	9 858	668	15 400	3 919	9 606	1 472	14 997	403	1 596	-1 193	15 272	15 045	227
3	4 937	10 270	783	15 990	4 100	9 324	1 304	14 728	1 262	2 187	-925	16 641	15 313	1 328
4	4 956	10 633	864	16 453	4 080	10 023	1 554	15 657	796	1 927	-1 131	16 309	15 471	838
1984 1	5 217	11 555	1 006	17 778	4 228	10 778	1 508	16 514	1 264	2 228	-964	17 290	16 079	1 211
2	5 231	11 882	703	17 816	4 378	11 004	1 510	16 892	924	2 231	-1 307	17 688	16 918	770
3	5 351	13 557	705	19 613	4 402	12 382	1 463†	18 247	1 366	2 610	-1 244†	20 371	18 921	1 450
4	5 584	14 561	1 384	21 529	4 631	13 235	1 622	19 488	2 041	2 735	-694	21 387	19 223	2 164
1985 1	5 949†	14 935	903	21 787	4 738†	13 885	1 921	20 544	1 243	2 801	-1 558	21 247	20 073	1 174
2	6 129	13 485	712†	20 326	4 556	12 666	1 467	18 689	1 637	2 942	-1 305	20 208	18 757	1 451
3	6 043	12 557	917	19 517	4 451	11 336	1 846	17 633	1 884	3 409	-1 525	20 388	18 470	1 918
4	6 127	12 063	791	18 981	4 746	11 745	1 594	18 085	896	2 257	-1 361	18 768	17 650	1 118
1986 1	6 065	12 025	873	18 963	4 856	11 026	1 095	16 977	1 986	2 854	-868	18 497	16 409	2 088
2	6 194	11 405	970	18 569	4 850	10 292	1 573	16 715	1 854	3 045	-1 191	18 514	16 731	1 783
3	6 410	12 170	893	19 473	4 771	10 696	1 753	17 220	2 253	3 713	-1 460	20 202	18 195	2 007

SERVICES

TABLE 5

£ million

	Private sector and public corporations											
	Sea transport			Civil aviation			Travel			Financial and other services		
	Credits	Debits	Balance	Credits	Debits	Balance	Credits	Debits	Balance	Credits	Debits	Balance
	CGJW	CGGW	HBTO	CGJO	CGGG	HDJA	CGKA	CGHA	HBYE	HHDE	HBVH	HHCW
1975	2 651	2 562	89	780	675	105	1 218	917	301	2 888	1 478	1 410
1976	3 233	3 155	78	1 049	840	209	1 768	1 068	700	3 754	1 844	1 910
1977	3 433	3 345	88	1 203	984	219	2 352	1 186	1 166	4 396	2 131	2 265
1978	3 149	3 162	-13	1 455	1 176	279	2 507	1 549	958	5 075	2 088	2 987
1979	3 804	3 677	127	1 755	1 467	288	2 797	2 109	688	5 726	2 205	3 521
1980	3 816	3 675	141	2 210	1 815	395	2 961	2 738	223	6 371	2 413	3 958
1981	3 784	3 944	-160	2 359	1 922	437	2 970	3 271	-301	7 364	2 655	4 709
1982	3 267	3 890	-623	2 471	2 146	325	3 188	3 640	-452	8 162	3 456	4 706
1983	3 054	4 067	-1 013	2 665	2 354	311	4 003	4 090	-87	9 428	3 937	5 491
1984	3 254	4 386	-1 132	2 931	2 683	248	4 614	4 664	-50	10 110	4 251	5 859
1985	3 276†	4 436†	-1 160†	3 188	2 886†	302†	5 451	4 877	574	11 848†	4 510†	7 338†
Unadjusted												
1982 1	794	950	-156	483	455	28	515	532	-17	2 029	813	1 216
2	864	1 035	-171	563	530	33	793	881	-88	1 952	823	1 129
3	832	984	-152	770	651	119	1 188	1 508	-320	2 093	919	1 174
4	777	921	-144	655	510	145	692	719	-27	2 088	901	1 187
1983 1	728	1 006	-278	525	509	16	653	601	52	2 381	910	1 471
2	725	984	-259	629	591	38	943	967	-24	2 321	971	1 350
3	813	1 060	-247	823	702	121	1 496	1 727	-231	2 431	1 005	1 426
4	788	1 017	-229	688	552	136	911	795	116	2 295	1 051	1 244
1984 1	739	1 058	-319	561	540	21	727	715	12	2 581	1 026	1 555
2	807	1 078	-271	693	637	56	1 075	1 182	-107	2 440	1 054	1 386
3	885	1 080	-195	901	831	70	1 751	1 835	-84	2 521	1 087	1 434
4	823	1 170	-347	776	675	101	1 061	932	129	2 568	1 084	1 484
1985 1	787†	1 169	-382†	648	629	19	903	846	57	2 962†	1 109†	1 853†
2	861	1 164	-303	805	726†	79†	1 331	1 153	178	2 891	1 125	1 766
3	842	1 048†	-206	963	835	128	2 067	1 880	187	2 981	1 112	1 869
4	786	1 055	-269	772	696	76	1 150	998	152	3 014	1 164	1 850
1986 1	719	1 006	-287	629	670	-41	912	896	16	3 197	1 143	2 054
2	807	1 100	-293	696	753	-57	1 255†	1 448†	-193†	3 269	1 114	2 155
3	762	1 046	-284	884†	832	52	1 995	2 465	-470	3 478	1 066	2 412
Seasonally adjusted	CGKP	CGHR	HHCS	CGKE	CGHF	HHCT	CGKU	CGHW	HHCU	HHDD	CGHN	HHCV
1982 1	830	960	-130	599	525	74	769	871	-102	2 022	835	1 187
2	849	1 018	-169	605	527	78	833	898	-65	2 009	837	1 172
3	795	957	-162	623	537	86	795	927	-132	2 007	908	1 099
4	793	955	-162	644	557	87	791	944	-153	2 124	876	1 248
1983 1	761	1 015	-254	653	580	73	962	962	-	2 361	924	1 437
2	715	962	-247	670	589	81	971	1 001	-30	2 384	1 002	1 382
3	776	1 042	-266	668	585	83	1 018	1 093	-75	2 349	998	1 351
4	802	1 048	-246	674	600	74	1 052	1 034	18	2 334	1 013	1 321
1984 1	773	1 065	-292	700	617	83	1 079	1 109	-30	2 559	1 040	1 519
2	798	1 051	-253	728	644	84	1 115	1 196	-81	2 497	1 073	1 424
3	843	1 064	-221	741	697	44	1 195	1 147	48	2 442	1 075	1 367
4	840	1 206	-366	762	725	37	1 225	1 212	13	2 612	1 063	1 549
1985 1	824†	1 174	-350†	805	715	90	1 347	1 266	81	2 857†	1 126†	1 731†
2	851	1 132†	-281	842	732†	110†	1 375	1 140	235	2 947	1 137	1 810
3	802	1 036	-234	780	693	87	1 412	1 162	250	2 930	1 093	1 837
4	799	1 094	-295	761	746	15	1 317	1 309	8	3 114	1 154	1 960
1986 1	753	1 012	-259	779	766	13	1 353	1 403	-50	3 049	1 160	1 889
2	790	1 068	-278	725	760	-35	1 276†	1 483†	-207†	3 302	1 108	2 194
3	730	1 036	-306	723†	690	33	1 370	1 546	-176	3 469	1 060	2 409

SERVICES

TABLE 5 (continued)

£ million

	Private sector and public corporations			General government					Total services		
	All services										
	Credits	Debits	Balance	Credits from EC institutions	Other credits	Total credits	Debits	Balance	Credits	Debits	Balance
	CGJU	CGGU	CGIL	CGPJ	CGPK	CGJR	CGGI	CGIG	CGJZ	CGGZ	CGIN
1975	7 537	5 632	1 905	34	106	140	709	-569	7 677	6 341	1 336
1976	9 804	6 907	2 897	46	169	215	867	-652	10 019	7 774	2 245
1977	11 384	7 646	3 738	78	163	241	941	-700	11 625	8 587	3 038
1978	12 186	7 975	4 211	94	160	254	987	-733	12 440	8 962	3 478
1979	14 082	9 458	4 624	115	153	268	1 074	-806	14 350	10 532	3 818
1980	15 358	10 641	4 717	112	205	317	1 166	-849	15 675	11 807	3 868
1981	16 477	11 792	4 685	122	285	407	1 266	-859	16 884	13 058	3 826
1982	17 088	13 132	3 956	150	257	407	1 756	-1 349	17 495	14 888	2 607
1983	19 150	14 448	4 702	148	325	473	1 523	-1 050	19 623	15 971	3 652
1984	20 909	15 984	4 925	186	288	474	1 655	-1 181	21 383	17 639	3 744
1985	23 763	16 709†	7 054†	157	328†	485†	1 782†	-1 297†	24 248†	18 491†	5 757†
Unadjusted											
1982 1	3 821	2 750	1 071	42	101	143	406	-263	3 964	3 156	808
2	4 172	3 269	903	36	58	94	463	-369	4 266	3 732	534
3	4 883	4 062	821	38	41	79	457	-378	4 962	4 519	443
4	4 212	3 051	1 161	34	57	91	430	-339	4 303	3 481	822
1983 1	4 287	3 026	1 261	37	123	160	391	-231	4 447	3 417	1 030
2	4 618	3 513	1 105	32	74	106	365	-259	4 724	3 878	846
3	5 563	4 494	1 069	51	69	120	382	-262	5 683	4 876	807
4	4 682	3 415	1 267	28	59	87	385	-298	4 769	3 800	969
1984 1	4 608	3 339	1 269	41	98	139	397	-258	4 747	3 736	1 011
2	5 015	3 951	1 064	38	39	77	414	-337	5 092	4 365	727
3	6 058	4 833	1 225	46	75	121	419	-298	6 179	5 252	927
4	5 228	3 861	1 367	61	76	137	425	-288	5 365	4 286	1 079
1985 1	5 300†	3 753†	1 547†	38	118	156	457	-301	5 456†	4 210†	1 246†
2	5 888	4 168	1 720	39	53†	92†	415†	-323†	5 980	4 583	1 397
3	6 853	4 875	1 978	40	71	111	467	-356	6 964	5 342	1 622
4	5 722	3 913	1 809	40	86	126	443	-317	5 848	4 356	1 492
1986 1	5 457	3 715	1 742	31	151	182	515	-333	5 639	4 230	1 409
2	6 027	4 415	1 612	50	36	86	431	-345	6 113	4 846	1 267
3	7 119	5 409	1 710	29†	78	107	439	-332	7 226	5 848	1 378
Seasonally adjusted	CGKN	CGHP	CGIT	CGPJ	CGPO	CGKK	CGHH	CGIP	CGKS	CGHU	AIMC
1982 1	4 220	3 191	1 029	42	71	113	406	-293	4 333	3 597	736
2	4 296	3 280	1 016	36	81	117	463	-346	4 413	3 743	670
3	4 220	3 329	891	38	44	82	457	-375	4 302	3 786	516
4	4 352	3 332	1 020	34	61	95	430	-335	4 447	3 762	685
1983 1	4 737	3 481	1 256	37	82	119	391	-272	4 856	3 872	984
2	4 740	3 554	1 186	32	102	134	365	-231	4 874	3 919	955
3	4 811	3 718	1 093	51	75	126	382	-256	4 937	4 100	837
4	4 862	3 695	1 167	28	66	94	385	-291	4 956	4 080	876
1984 1	5 111	3 831	1 280	41	65	106	397	-291	5 217	4 228	989
2	5 138	3 964	1 174	38	55	93	414	-321	5 231	4 378	853
3	5 221	3 983	1 238	46	84	130	419	-289	5 351	4 402	949
4	5 439	4 206	1 233	61	84	145	425	-280	5 584	4 631	953
1985 1	5 833†	4 281†	1 552†	38	78	116	457	-341	5 949†	4 738†	1 211†
2	6 015	4 141	1 874	39	75	114	415†	-301†	6 129	4 556	1 573
3	5 924	3 984	1 940	40	79†	119†	467	-348	6 043	4 451	1 592
4	5 991	4 303	1 688	40	96	136	443	-307	6 127	4 746	1 381
1986 1	5 934	4 341	1 593	31	100	131	515	-384	6 065	4 856	1 209
2	6 093	4 419	1 674	50	51	101	431	-330	6 194	4 850	1 344
3	6 292	4 332	1 960	29†	89	118	439	-321	6 410	4 771	1 639

INTEREST,PROFITS AND DIVIDENDS: CREDITS

TABLE 6

£ million

	Credits - earnings on:												
		Portfolio investment by					Deposits and lending overseas by UK residents other than banks and general government					of which	
	Direct investment	UK banks	Other UK residents	Total portfolio investment	Lending etc to overseas residents by UK banks	of which: identified foreign currency lending	Transactions with banks abroad	Other assets	Official reserves	Other external assets of central government	Total credits	Private sector and public corporations	General government
	HHBY	HESH	HHHR	CGNV	HERG	HHIJ	HERH	HERJ	HHCB	HERI	CGJS	CGNT	CGNR
1975	1 953	10	261	271	4 000	3 734	–	74	182	83	6 563	6 297	266
1976	2 857	10	303	313	4 758	4 423	115	83	137	116	8 379	8 126	253
1977	2 834	20	308	328	5 022	4 731	142	80	233	150	8 789	8 405	384
1978	3 215	40	360	400	6 560	6 180	231	97	536	156	11 195	10 504	691
1979	5 819	50	490	540	9 815	9 298	370	163	653	163	17 523	16 707	816
1980	5 052	80	670	750	16 055	15 292	518	214	799	145	23 533	22 590	943
1981	5 429	200	790	990	28 786	27 609	732	253	857	90	37 137	36 189	948
1982	4 776	350	1 280	1 630	34 713	33 208	1 007†	866†	761	54	43 807†	42 991†	816
1983	6 169	839	1 817	2 657	30 962	29 208	914	749	588	28	42 066	41 450	616
1984	7 749	1 420	2 350	3 770	37 115	34 884	1 356	959	587	19	51 555	50 949	606
1985	8 027	2 300	3 159	5 459	36 372	33 138	1 590	1 032	538	22†	53 040	52 480	560†
Unadjusted													
1982 1	1 109	98	252	350	8 054	7 665	266†	222†	157	19	10 177†	10 000†	177
2	1 156	65	291	356	8 933	8 552	274	228	267	13	11 226	10 947	279
3	1 116	94	352	446	8 836	8 477	243	215	164	11	11 032	10 856	176
4	1 395	93	385	478	8 890	8 514	224	201	173	11	11 372	11 188	184
1983 1	1 393	244	413	657	8 707	8 247	230	193	136	11	11 326	11 179	147
2	1 429	160	435	595	7 325	6 893	212	176	200	5	9 942	9 736	206
3	1 798	226	473	700	7 159	6 735	224	185	113	6	10 185	10 066	119
4	1 549	209	496	705	7 771	7 333	248	195	139	6	10 613	10 469	144
1984 1	1 965	239	543	782	8 144	7 644	280	216	138	6	11 531	11 387	144
2	1 706	288	555	843	8 691	8 142	307	234	172	4	11 957	11 781	176
3	2 145	395	597	992	9 603	9 022	367	249	130	5	13 491	13 355	136
4	1 933	498	655	1 153	10 677	10 076	402	260	147	4	14 576	14 426	150
1985 1	2 399†	650	806	1 456	10 143	9 377	449	285	144	7†	14 883	14 732	151†
2	2 179	582	804	1 386	9 219	8 429	401	258	131	5	13 579	13 443	136
3	1 982	548	773	1 321	8 453	7 598	378	248	123	6	12 511	12 382	129
4	1 467	520	776	1 296	8 557	7 734	362	241	140	4	12 067	11 923	144
1986 1	1 591	614†	925†	1 539†	8 126†	7 395†	349	222	150	5	11 982	11 827	155
2	1 687	619	1 025	1 644	7 515	6 769	298	196	152	4	11 496	11 341	155
3	1 906	711	1 132	1 843	7 704	6 985	287	196	151†	4	12 091	11 936	155
Seasonally adjusted	HHBZ	HHAS	HHHS	CGGS	HHHQ	HHIJ	HERH	HERJ	HHCC	HHHW	CGKL	CGMI	CGMG
1982 1	1 125	65	258	323	8 052	7 665	266†	222†	185	18	10 191†	9 987†	204
2	1 122	77	295	372	8 935	8 552	274	228	191	13	11 135	10 931	204
3	1 126	89	338	427	8 848	8 477	243	215	188	12	11 059	10 859	200
4	1 403	119	389	508	8 878	8 514	224	201	197	11	11 422	11 214	208
1983 1	1 417	171	413	584	8 704	8 247	230	193	167	10	11 305	11 128	177
2	1 372	195	435	630	7 328	6 893	212	176	134	6	9 858	9 718	140
3	1 841	225	473	699	7 172	6 735	224	185	144	6	10 270	10 120	150
4	1 539	248	496	744	7 758	7 333	248	195	143	6	10 633	10 484	149
1984 1	2 004	239	543	782	8 129	7 644	280	216	138	6	11 555	11 411	144
2	1 630	288	555	843	8 694	8 142	307	234	172	2	11 882	11 707	175
3	2 193	395	597	992	9 619	9 022	367	249	130	7	13 557	13 420	137
4	1 922	498	655	1 153	10 673	10 076	402	260	147	4	14 561	14 411	150
1985 1	2 452†	650	806	1 456	10 143	9 377	449	285	144	6†	14 935	14 784	151†
2	2 086	582	804	1 386	9 219	8 429	401	258	131	4	13 485	13 350	135
3	2 026	548	773	1 321	8 453	7 598	378	248	123	8	12 557	12 426	131
4	1 463	520	776	1 296	8 557	7 734	362	241	140	4	12 063	11 920	143
1986 1	1 634	614†	925†	1 539†	8 126†	7 395†	349	222	150	5	12 025	11 870	155
2	1 597	619	1 025	1 644	7 515	6 769	298	196	152	3	11 405	11 250	155
3	1 984	711	1 132	1 843	7 704	6 985	287	196	151†	5	12 170	12 014	156

INTEREST,PROFITS AND DIVIDENDS: DEBITS AND BALANCE

TABLE 6 (continued)

£ million

	Debits: earnings on:												Balance of IPD		
	Direct investment				Borrowing from overseas by UK residents other than banks and general government						of which:				
					Overseas borrowing by UK banks										
	Non-oil companies	Oil companies' and misc.	Total direct investment	Portfolio investment	Foreign currency	Sterling	Transactions with banks abroad	Other liabilities	Other external liabilities of general government	Total debits	Private sector and public corporations	General government	Private sector and public corporations	General government	Total
	CGNX	HHCF	HHCH	HERN	HHID	HHIE	HERO	HERQ	HERR	CGGK	HHII	HERS	CGQD	HERV	CGOA
1975	625	-21	604	426	3 801	354	175	46	267	5 673	5 182	491	1 115	-225	890
1976	1 040	-73	967	509	4 487	341	232	58	235	6 829	6 351	478	1 775	-225	1 550
1977	1 432	569	2 001	670	4 924	308	324	59	265	8 551	7 986	565	419	-181	238
1978	1 526	707	2 233	782	6 184	343	513	71	250	10 375	9 725	650	779	41	820
1979	2 077	1 919	3 996	843	9 717	720	714	90	250	16 330	15 649	681	1 058	135	1 193
1980	1 873	2 900	4 773	1 083	15 324	1 203	1 018	82	272	23 755	22 860	895	-270	48	-222
1981	1 961	2 741	4 702	1 211	27 157	1 528	1 280	81	230	36 188	35 250	938	939	10	949
1982	2 146	2 586	4 732	1 335	32 933	1 878	1 520†	156†	293	42 847†	41 756†	1 091	1 235	-275	960
1983	2 418	2 958	5 376	1 374†	28 894	2 028	1 503	166	305	39 646	38 457	1 189	2 993†	-573	2 420†
1984	2 936	3 519	6 455	1 541	34 697	2 288	1 859	224	335	47 399	46 070	1 329	4 879	-723	4 156
1985	3 459	4 170	7 629	1 810	34 333	3 546	1 733	276	304	49 632	48 125	1 507	4 355	-947†	3 408
Unadjusted															
1982 1	591	603	1 194	324	7 843	389	377†	38†	18	10 183	9 955	228	45†	-51	-5
2	566	578	1 144	366	8 333†	518	427	40	184	11 012	10 646	366	301	-87	213
3	475	600	1 075	360	8 353	467	347	40	18	10 660	10 402	258	454	-82	372
4	514	805	1 319	285	8 404	504	369	38	73	10 992†	10 753†	239	435	-55	380
1983 1	575	530	1 105	351†	8 227	471	342	41	21	10 557	10 290	267	889	-120	769
2	689	823	1 512	359	6 761	528	381	39	157	9 737	9 373	364	363	-158	205†
3	611	589	1 200	368	6 743	470	351	42	20	9 194	8 926	268	1 140	-149	991
4	543	1 016	1 559	296	7 163	559	429	44	107	10 158	9 868	290	601	-146	455
1984 1	703	1 143†	1 846†	388	7 479	479	402	52	50	10 696	10 364	332	1 023	-188	835
2	766	841	1 607	398	7 927	517	478	51	94	11 072	10 753	319	1 028	-143	885
3	651	720	1 371	431	9 327	545	474	61	61	12 270	11 915	355	1 440	-219	1 221
4	816	815	1 631	324	9 964	747	505	60	130	13 361	13 038	323	1 388	-173	1 215
1985 1	889	1 441	2 330	439	9 716	717	457	67	65	13 791	13 405	386	1 327	-235†	1 092
2	1 017	923	1 940	431	8 889	880	449	71	73	12 734	12 406	328	1 037	-192	845
3	635	753	1 388	515	7 946	984	388	68	56	11 345	10 932	413	1 450	-284	1 166
4	918	1 053	1 971	425	7 782	965	439	70	110	11 762	11 382	380	541	-236	305
1986 1	813	637	1 450	580	7 475	892†	407	66	62	10 932	10 464	468	1 363	-313	1 050
2	977†	468	1 445	484	6 966	920	397	62	64	10 338	9 996	342†	1 345	-187	1 158
3	910	303	1 213	609	7 459	892	367	63	54†	10 657	10 188	469	1 748	-314	1 434
Seasonally adjusted	CGEU	HHCF	HHCI	HHIA	HHIV	HHIH	HHHX	HHHZ	HHHY	CGHJ	HHHK	HHHL	CGMW	HHHM	HHHN
1982 1	607	603	1 210	323	7 843†	431	400†	38†	71	10 315	10 060	255	-73†	-51	-124†
2	563	578	1 141	328	8 333	509	406	41	75	10 833†	10 568†	265	363	-61	302
3	500	600	1 100	336	8 353	514	370	40	71	10 784	10 505	279	354	-79	275
4	476	805	1 281	348	8 404	424	344	37	76	10 915	10 623	292	591	-84	507
1983 1	587	530	1 117	349†	8 227	513	371	41	75	10 693	10 399	294	729	-117	612
2	693	823	1 516	335	6 761	523	355	39	77	9 606	9 308	298	410	-158	252
3	640	589	1 229	347	6 743	511	376	42	75	9 324	9 026	298	1 094	-148	946
4	498	1 016	1 514	343	7 163	481	401	44	78	10 023	9 724	299	760	-150	610
1984 1	718	1 143†	1 861†	378	7 479	513	425	53	69	10 778	10 463	315	948	-171	777
2	724	841	1 565	384	7 927	517	456	51	104	11 004	10 650	354	1 057	-179	878
3	708	720	1 428	395	9 327	595	496	61	80	12 382	12 048	334†	1 372	-197†	1 175
4	786	815	1 601	384	9 964	663	482	59	82	13 235	12 909	326	1 502	-176	1 326
1985 1	913	1 441	2 354	399	9 716	790	476	67	82	13 885	13 535	350	1 249	-199	1 050
2	957	923	1 880	448	8 889	870	429	72	78	12 666	12 282	384	1 068	-249	819
3	703	753	1 456	463	7 946	920	411	68	72	11 336	10 957	379	1 469	-248	1 221
4	886	1 053	1 939	500	7 782	966	417	69	72	11 745	11 351	394	569	-251	318
1986 1	831	637	1 468	532	7 475	982†	425	66	79	11 026	10 609	417	1 261	-262	999
2	908†	468	1 376	531	6 966	909	379	61	70	10 292	9 879	413	1 371	-258	1 113
3	1 017	303	1 320	558	7 459	834	391	62	73†	10 696	10 261	435	1 753	-279	1 474

TRANSFERS

TABLE 7

£ million

	Credits							Debits						Balance	
		General Government							General Government						
		European Community institutions							EC institutions						
	Private	Agricultural Fund	Social Fund	Regional Development Fund	Negotiated refunds	Other	Total	Private	Bilateral aid	Before VAT abatement	VAT abatement	Other	Total	Total	of which with EC institutions 1
	CGJV	HCOW	HDIZ	HBZA	CGPI	HHAA	HDKD	CGGV	CGEG	HHHO	HHHP	HHAB	CGGJ	CGIO	CGII
1975	393	342	19	-	-	5	366	531	148	350	-	206	703	-475	16
1976	537	207	11	29	-	6	253	547	279	474	-	276	1 029	-786	-221
1977	614	181	48	60	-	9	298	659	279	750	-	352	1 381	-1 128	-452
1978	774	329	63	35	-	12	439	901	387	1 364	-	352	2 103	-1 791	-925
1979	801	371	87	71	-	21	550	1 062	498	1 626	-	444	2 568	-2 279	-1 076
1980	842	550	95	173	98	42	958	1 138	528	1 783	-	429	2 740	-2 078	-825
1981	956	683	107	145	693	30	1 658	1 298	584	2 188	-	520	3 292	-1 976	-530
1982	1 134	791	152	111	1 019	84	2 157	1 294	496	2 878	-	584	3 958	-1 961	-721
1983	1 315	1 082	128	139	807	65	2 221	1 463	530	2 994	-	653	4 177	-2 104	-773
1984	1 428	1 353	283	184	528	22	2 370	1 604	560	3 213	-	726	4 499	-2 305	-843
1985	1 511	1 203	256	274	61	18	1 812	1 648	614	3 970	-166	762†	5 180†	-3 505†	-1 992
Unadjusted															
1982 1	271	218	27	14	813	32	1 104	325	231	700	-	164	1 095	-45	404
2	273	102	9	26	9	13	159	318	59	723	-	161	943	-829	-564
3	290	186	48	26	72	10	342	323	83	750	-	134	967	-658	-408
4	300	285	68	45	125	29	552	328	123	705	-	125	953	-429	-153
1983 1	313	257	49	28	568	15	917	343	254	661	-	196	1 111	-224	256
2	325	226	22	17	-	16	281	354	80	791	-	205	1 076	-824	-510
3	335	304	36	62	21	15	438	376	96	628	-	143	867	-470	-190
4	342	295	21	32	218	19	585	390	100	914	-	109	1 123	-586	-329
1984 1	350	407	180	67	-	8	662	396	248	782	-	221	1 251	-635	-120
2	355	244	10	17	-	13	284	401	68	787	-	225	1 080	-842	-503
3	359	306	5	31	-	-	342	405	103	748†	-	143	994†	-698†	-406†
4	364	396	88	69	528	1	1 082	402	141	896	-	137	1 174	-130	186
1985 1	369	277	101	85	61	15	539	407	291†	1 137	-	237†	1 665	-1 164	-598
2	375	231	4	39	-	-†	274†	407	73	721	-	240	1 034	-792	-447
3	381	306†	147	78	-	1	532	414	124	1 091	-	154	1 369	-870	-559
4	386	389	4	72	-	2	467	420	126	1 021	-166	131	1 112	-679	-388
1986 1	389	373	8	87	-	19	487	432	284	936	-657	252	815	-371	208
2	395	339	153	16	-	2	510	433	30	1 069	-225	240	1 114	-642	-334
3	401†	287	50†	146†	-	1	484	438†	174	1 347	-478†	209	1 252	-805	-385
Seasonally adjusted	CGKO	HHAC	HHAD	HBZA	CGPI	HHAE	HHAH	CGHQ	CGEM	HHHT	HHHP	HHAG	CGHI	AIME	CGIR
1982 1	271	208	27	14	813	32	1 094	325	130	700	-	137	967	73	394
2	273	158	9	26	9	13	215	318	118	723	-	136	977	-807	-508
3	290	195	48	26	72	10	351	323	115	750	-	153	1 018	-700	-399
4	300	230	68	45	125	29	497	328	133	705	-	158	996	-527	-208
1983 1	313	248	49	28	568	15	908	343	139	661	-	167	967	-89	247
2	325	288	22	17	-	16	343	354	150	791	-	177	1 118	-804	-448
3	335	314	36	62	21	15	448	376	135	628	-	165	928	-521	-180
4	342	232	21	32	218	19	522	390	106	914	-	144	1 164	-690	-392
1984 1	350	401	180	67	-	8	656	396	140	782	-	190	1 112	-502	-126
2	355	308	10	17	-	13	348	401	131	787	-	191	1 109	-807	-439
3	359	310	5	31	-	-	346	405	142	748†	-	168	1 058†	-758†	-402†
4	364	334	88	69	528	1	1 020	402	147	896	-	177	1 220	-238	124
1985 1	369	272	101	85	61	15	534	407	173†	1 137	-	204†	1 514	-1 018	-603
2	375	294	4	39	-	-†	337†	407	136	721	-	203	1 060	-755	-384
3	381	310†	147	78	-	1	536	414	160	1 091	-	181	1 432	-929	-555
4	386	327	4	72	-	2	405	420	145	1 021	-166	174	1 174	-803	-450
1986 1	389	370	8	87	-	19	484	432	165	936	-657	219	663	-222	205
2	395	404	153	16	-	2	575	433	93	1 069	-225	203	1 140	-603	-269
3	401†	295	50†	146†	-	1	492	438†	210	1 347	-478†	236	1 315	-860	-377

1. This series does not have the same coverage as that shown in Table 3.3 of 'The Government Expenditure Plans 1986-1987 to 1988-1989' (Cmnd 9702-II). The main differences are that the latter excludes the United Kingdom's contribution to the Community Budget expenditure on overseas aid (which is attributed to the aid programme) and includes the services credits shown in Table 5.

SUMMARY OF TRANSACTIONS IN UK EXTERNAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES[1]

TABLE 8

Not seasonally adjusted

£ million

		Transactions in external assets							Transactions in external liabilities						
		UK investment overseas		Lending etc to overseas residents by UK banks 2	Deposits and lending overseas by UK residents other than banks and general government 3	Official reserves	Other external assets of central government	Total transactions in assets	Overseas investment in the United Kingdom		Borrowing etc from overseas residents by UK banks 2	Borrowing from overseas by UK residents other than banks and general government 3	Other external liabilities of general government	Total transactions in liabilities	Net transactions
		Direct	Portfolio						Direct	Portfolio					
		HHBV	CGOS	HEYN	HETJ	AIPA	HEUJ	HEPZ	HHBU	HEYR	HEYS	HTEV	HEUR	HEQW	HEQU
1975		-1 324	-59	-184	-1	655	-621	-1 534	1 518	194	850	903	-330	3 135	1 601
1976		-2 420	90	-654	-930	853	-662	-3 723	1 653	1 032	-54	1 472	214	4 317	594
1977		-2 399	12	-393	-436	-9 588	-389	-13 193	2 546	1 910	2 658	1 713	1 125	9 952	-3 241
1978		-3 520	-1 073	-1 229	-954	2 329	-181	-4 628	1 962	-139	-793	1 181	-705	1 506	-3 122
1979		-5 889	-909	-29 992	-1 551	-1 059	-115	-39 515	3 030	1 549	33 540	1 543	-217	39 445	-70
1980		-4 926	-3 230	-32 820	-1 225	-291	351	-42 141	4 355	1 499	33 549	393	-593	39 203	-2 938
1981		-6 094	-4 300	-40 151	-1 548	2 419	93	-49 581	2 932	323	39 260	761	-205	43 071	-6 510
1982		-4 322	-6 720	-20 558	-683	1 421	-161	-31 023	2 964	225	24 325	585	407	28 506	-2 517
1983		-5 301	-6 520	-18 332	-791	607	-478	-30 815	3 438	1 888	21 136†	262	-576	26 148†	-4 667†
1984		-5 957	-9 550	-14 068	-1 846	908	-743	-31 256	426†	1 419	24 770	-1 701†	-48	24 866	-6 390
1985		-7 307	-18 240†	-22 042†	-158†	-1 758	-730	-50 235†	3 370	7 069†	29 464	2 688	21†	42 612	-7 623
1978	1	-631	-253	-657	-370	46	272	-1 593	867	-137	-64	388	211	1 265	-328
	2	-553	-244	-335	-49	2 026	-103	742	264	133	-1 577	208	-472	-1 444	-702
	3	-935	-247	-86	-138	-54	-120	-1 580	306	-52	475	161	29	919	-661
	4	-1 401	-329	-151	-397	311	-230	-2 197	525	-83	373	424	-473	766	-1 431
1979	1	-1 347	-242	-1 127	-263	-955	-89	-4 023	289	213	2 542	270	296	3 610	-413
	2	-1 417	-39	-7 824	-564	-68	-56	-9 968	1 124	132	8 514	637	-431	9 976	8
	3	-1 839	-303	-12 978	-50	-152	-5	-15 327	827	692	13 727	-177	20	15 089	-238
	4	-1 286	-325	-8 063	-674	116	35	-10 197	790	512	8 757	813	-102	10 770	573
1980	1	-1 590	-527	-10 858	-639	-457	88	-13 983	1 303	33	11 258	107	88	12 789	-1 194
	2	-1 652	-323	-5 547	-68	-140	11	-7 719	861	968	6 190	58	-258	7 819	100
	3	-640	-1 110	-3 375	291	223	38	-4 573	941	533	3 379	-273	-120	4 460	-113
	4	-1 044	-1 270	-13 040	-809	83	214	-15 866	1 250	-35	12 722	501	-303	14 135	-1 731
1981	1	-1 544	-1 410	-11 249	-324	-319	85	-14 761	377	8	9 905	277	40	10 607	-4 154
	2	-1 359	-1 030	-6 771	-457	1 448	-30	-8 199	1 181	-138	5 444	-155	90	6 422	-1 777
	3	-1 351	-770	-12 220	-372	1 167	30	-13 516	662	62	11 932	372	9	13 037	-479
	4	-1 840	-1 090	-9 911	-395	123	8	-13 105	712	391	11 979	267	-344	13 005	-100
1982	1	-1 217	-1 760	-9 849	1 046	11	-42	-11 811	1 340	-185	11 306	-562	-144	11 755	-56
	2	-891	-1 470	1 711	-9	699	-15	25	859	-107	-27	-9	99	815	840
	3	-1 091	-1 560	-14 888	-250	-288	-48	-18 125	513	-322	15 666	150	389	16 396	-1 729
	4	-1 123	-1 930	2 468	-1 470	999	-56	-1 112	252	839	-2 620	1 006	63	-460	-1 572
1983	1	-1 929	-1 810	-7 331	36	652	-203	-10 585	649	310	7 827	160	-394	8 552	-2 033
	2	-442	-1 860	2 064	459	-142	-74	5	1 365	1 124	-1 392†	-267	32	862†	867†
	3	-1 559	-1 200	-8 248	-97	-33	-89	-11 226	1 204	367	10 138	-69	109	11 749	523
	4	-1 371	-1 650	-4 817	-1 189	130	-112	-9 009	220	87	4 563	438	-323	4 985	-4 024
1984	1	-1 714	-3 700	-9 093	479	77	-262	-14 213	1 402†	421	11 522	-139	136	13 342	-871
	2	-610	-300	-7 437	-358	857	-151	-7 999	-2 832	-437	11 023	-1 031	151	6 874	-1 125
	3	-1 833	-2 630	5 076	-1 807	279	-135	-1 050	1 641	347	-2 580	-28	235	-385	-1 435
	4	-1 800	-2 920	-2 614	-160	-305	-195	-7 994	215	1 088	4 805	-503†	-570	5 035	-2 959
1985	1	-3 123	-5 950†	-6 407†	-943†	90	-214	-16 547†	2 049	1 307	9 432	274	185	13 247	-3 300
	2	-1 414	-4 770	804	-107	-607	-186	-6 280	392	2 500†	382	1 548	47†	4 869	-1 411
	3	-1 612	-3 640	-10 899	738	-49	-76	-15 538	778	885	8 747	-86	-4	10 320	-5 218
	4	-1 158	-3 880	-5 540	154	-1 192	-254	-11 870	151	2 377	10 903	952	-207	14 176	2 306
1986	1	-634†	-4 860	-9 003	-26	-580	36†	-15 067	1 839	782	11 609	-950	211	13 491	-1 576
	2	-1 301	-6 420	-6 094	-182	-296	-161	-14 454	1 091	1 556	7 606	1 505	87	11 845	-2 609
	3	-3 347	-5 480	-28 718	163	-2 321†	-161	-39 864	1 566	2 549	33 998	795	59	38 967	-897

1. UK assets: increase-/decrease+. UK liabilities: increase+/decrease-.
2. Prior to 1979 foreign currency lending abroad (other than certain export credit extended) is recorded on a net basis under liabilities.
   Prior to 1982 includes transactions by 'other financial institutions', which are subsequently included in transactions by UK residents other than banks and general government.
3. Only partial coverage for the most recent quarter - see Table 12.

DIRECT INVESTMENT

TABLE 9

Not seasonally adjusted

£ million

		Investment overseas by UK residents (Transactions in assets)			Investment in UK by overseas residents (Transactions in liabilities)					
		All companies and miscellaneous			In non-oil companies		In oil companies			
		Unremitted profits	Other	Total direct investment	Unremitted profits	Other	Unremitted profits	Other	Miscellaneous	Total direct investment
		HHDR	HHDS	HHBV	CGLU	CGLM	HERX	HEYZ	CGLO	HHBU
1980		..	..	-4 926	689	1 852	1 541	173	100	4 355
1981		..	..	-6 094	638	342	945	937	70	2 932
1982		..	..	-4 322	768	306	371	1 399	120	2 964
1983		..	..	-5 301	1 085	1 030	167	1 071	85	3 438
1984		-4 811	-1 146	-5 957	1 389	807	1 223	-3 058†	65	426†
1985		-4 792	-2 515	-7 307	1 929	-53	2 769	-1 365	90	3 370
1984	1	-1 339	-375	-1 714	509	250	1 056†	-423†	10	1 402†
	2	-963	353	-610	505	-168	528	-3 722	25	-2 832
	3	-1 455	-378	-1 833	372	444	649	166	10	1 641
	4	-1 054	-746	-1 800	3	281	-1 010	921	20	215
1985	1	-1 607	-1 516	-3 123	645	139	1 279	46	-60	2 049
	2	-1 399	-15	-1 414	682	-243	777	-869	45	392
	3	-1 277	-335	-1 612	440	243	812	-752	35	778
	4	-509	-649	-1 158	162	-192	-99	210	70	151
1986	1	-879†	245†	-634†	556	751	432	70	30	1 839
	2	-835	-466	-1 301	559†	367†	364	-249	50†	1 091
	3	-1 266	-2 081	-3 347	660	270	160	436	40	1 566

PORTFOLIO INVESTMENT

TABLE 10

Not seasonally adjusted

£ million

		Investment overseas by UK residents (Transactions in assets)				Investment in UK securities by overseas residents (Transactions in liabilities)						
						British government stocks		British government foreign currency notes and bonds	Local authorities' securities	Public corporations securities	UK company securities	Total portfolio investment
		UK banks	Other financial institutions 1	Other	Total portfolio investment	Overseas monetary authorities	Other overseas residents					
		HHAL	HHAM	HHAN	CGOS	AING	CGLV	HEZP	HHIG	HEZX	HEZV	HEYR
1980		..	..	..	-3 230	945	571	-	-45	-236	264	1 499
1981		-995	-3 097	-208	-4 300	207	201	-	-38	-367	320	323
1982		-1 952	-4 337	-431	-6 720	-212	568	-115	-7	-139	130	225
1983		-2 751	-3 466	-303	-6 520	227	714	-	-10	12	945	1 888
1984		-7 980	-1 504	-66	-9 550	188	781	-342	-4	-229	1 025	1 419
1985		-10 251	-4 919†	-3 070†	-18 240†	1 482	1 438	267	-3	-10†	3 895	7 069†
1984	1	-2 269	-1 150	-281	-3 700	103	243	-	-2	-13	90	421
	2	-800	290	210	-300	107	-44	-342	1	-294	135	-437
	3	-2 029	-714	113	-2 630	-36	240	-	-2	-30	175	347
	4	-2 882	70	-108	-2 920	14	342	-	-1	108	625	1 088
1985	1	-1 921	-3 155†	-874†	-5 950†	208	508	-	-2	73	520	1 307
	2	-2 429	-1 666	-675	-4 770	640	637	-177	1	174†	1 225	2 500†
	3	-2 323	-502	-815	-3 640	-75	452	-	-1	-121	630	885
	4	-3 578	404	-706	-3 880	709	-159	444	-1	-136	1 520	2 377
1986	1	-1 200	-3 472	-188	-4 860	-162	202	-25	-1	138	630†	782
	2	-2 260†	-3 656	-504	-6 420	339†	392	12†	-	-126	939	1 556
	3	-1 853	-3 210	-417	-5 480	46	383†	647	-	-7	1 480	2 549

1. Includes security dealers from 1984.

TRANSACTIONS OF UK BANKS (excluding direct and portfolio investment)

TABLE 11

Not seasonally adjusted

£ million

	Transactions in external assets							Transactions in external liabilities					Net transactions
	Foreign currency lending abroad			Sterling lending abroad			Total transactions in assets	Borrowing and deposit liabilities abroad	Sterling			Total transactions in liabilities	
	Identified long-term export credit	Other	Total	Identified export credit	Other	Total		Foreign currency	Overseas authorities' exchange reserves	Other	Total		Foreign currency	Sterling	Total
	HEZY	HEPG	HEZZ	HHIL	HCAE	HCAD	HEYN	HCAF	HCHE	CGDI	HEPD	HEYS	HCAG	HCAH	HCAI
1980	-837	-29 173	-30 010	-310	-2 500	-2 810	-32 820	30 505	436	2 608	3 044	33 549	495	234	729
1981	-995	-36 169	-37 164	-33	-2 954	-2 987	-40 151	36 763	-111	2 608	2 497	39 260	-401	-490	-891
1982	-839	-15 700	-16 539	-720	-3 299	-4 019	-20 558	19 904	321	4 100	4 421	24 325	3 365	402	3 767
1983	-444	-15 656	-16 100	-893	-1 339	-2 232	-18 332	17 190†	839	3 107	3 946	21 136†	1 090†	1 714	2 804†
1984	144	-9 279	-9 135	-215	-4 718	-4 933	-14 068	18 637	998	5 135	6 133	24 770	9 502	1 200	10 702
1985	299	-20 704†	-20 405†	90	-1 727†	-1 637†	-22 042†	25 314	150	4 000†	4 150†	29 464	4 909	2 513†	7 422
1984 1	-37	-7 468	-7 505	-175	-1 413	-1 588	-9 093	9 995†	191	1 336	1 527	11 522†	2 490†	-61	2 429†
2	22	-6 363	-6 341	8	-1 104	-1 096	-7 437	9 059	124	1 840	1 964	11 023	2 718	868	3 586
3	89	6 136	6 225	-34	-1 115	-1 149	5 076	-4 279	204	1 495	1 699	-2 580	1 946	550	2 496
4	70	-1 584	-1 514	-14	-1 086	-1 100	-2 614	3 862	479	464	943	4 805	2 348	-157	2 191
1985 1	52	-3 475†	-3 423†	-74	-2 910†	-2 984†	-6 407†	5 154	-497†	4 775	4 278†	9 432	1 731	1 294†	3 025
2	68	287	355	39	410	449	804	769	-221	-166†	-387	382	1 124	62	1 186
3	134	-11 405	-11 271	-45	417	372	-10 899	7 967	570	210	780	8 747	-3 304	1 152	-2 152
4	45	-6 111	-6 066	170	356	526	-5 540	11 424	298	-819	-521	10 903	5 358	5	5 363
1986 1	132	-7 063	-6 931	-226	-1 846	-2 072	-9 003	7 719	484	3 406	3 890	11 609	788	1 818	2 606
2	170	-5 736	-5 566	53	-581	-528	-6 094	8 467	-811	-50	-861	7 606	2 901	-1 389	1 512
3	313†	-27 556	-27 243	19†	-1 494	-1 475	-28 718	33 245	-19	772	753	33 998	6 002	-722	5 280

TRANSACTIONS OF UK RESIDENTS OTHER THAN BANKS AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT (excluding direct and portfolio investment)

TABLE 12

Not seasonally adjusted

£ million

	Transactions in external assets			Transactions in external liabilities			Net transactions		
	Transactions with banks abroad 1	Other assets	Total transactions in assets	Transactions with banks abroad 1	Other liabilities	Total transactions in liabilities	Public corporations	UK non-bank private sector	Total
	HESZ	HETE	HETJ	HETN	HETQ	HTEV	HETW	HETY	HETZ
1980	-1 042	-183	-1 225	92	301	393	5	-837	-832
1981	-494	-1 054	-1 548	537	224	761	-262	-525	-787
1982	-908†	225†	-683	469	116	585	-232	134	-98
1983	-684	-107	-791	336†	-74†	262	-67	-462	-529
1984	-3 098	1 252	-1 846	-2 316	615	-1 701†	-49	-3 498†	-3 547†
1985	-798	640	-158†	2 377	311	2 688	8	2 522	2 530
1984 1	667†	-188†	479	-532†	393†	-139	130	210	340
2	-1 157	799	-358	-698	-333	-1 031	-150†	-1 239	-1 389
3	-2 099	292	-1 807	-83	55	-28	-21	-1 814	-1 835
4	-509	349	-160	-1 003	500	-503†	-8	-655†	-663†
1985 1	-827	-116	-943†	-224	498	274	-10	-659	-669
2	-98	-9	-107	1 660	-112	1 548	35	1 406	1 441
3	649	89	738	-226	140	-86	97	555	652
4	-522	676	154	1 167	-215	952	-114	1 220	1 106
1986 1	-116	90	-26	-1 044	94	-950	-142	-834	-976
2	-572	390	-182	1 271	234	1 505	-18	1 341	1 323
3	-210	373	163	295	500	795	23	935	958

1. Transactions with banks in the reporting area covered by the BIS are not available for the most recent quarter.

TRANSACTIONS OF GENERAL GOVERNMENT (excluding portfolio liabilities)

TABLE 13

Not seasonally adjusted

£ million

		Transactions in external assets					Transactions in external liabilities									
									Borrowing from banks etc overseas by							
		Official reserves	Inter-government loans by UK	Export credit	Other assets	Total transactions in assets	IMF	Inter-government loans to UK	HM Government	Local authorities1	Treasury bills	Non-interest bearing notes	Other liabilities	Total transactions in liabilities	Net transactions
		AIPA	HEUC	HEPF	HHIC	HEUI	AION	HEUL	HCJN	HEUQ	AARB	HCHO	HHIB	HEUR	HCCG
1980		-291	51	333	-33	60	-140	-57	-86	51	-126	-48	-186	-593	-533
1981		2 419	9	305	-221	2 512	-145	-73	-232	60	-110	82	214	-205	2 307
1982		1 421	30	53	-244	1 260	-163	-87	-	40	132	36	449	407	1 667
1983		607	12	-235	-255	129	-36	-97	-	64	31	-12	-527	-576	-447
1984		908	65	-603	-205	165	-	-103	-	41	144	-21	-109	-48	117
1985		-1 758	52	-573	-209	-2 488	-	-87	-	85	-13	28	8†	21†	-2 467†
1984	1	77	13	-126	-149	-185	-	-	-	40	34	71	-10	136	-49
	2	857	19	-144	-26	706	-	-	-	-11	88	-122	196	151	857
	3	279	13	-149	-	144	-	-	-	-5	10	58	172	235	379
	4	-305	20	-184	-30	-500	-	-103	-	17	12	-28	-467	-570	-1 070
1985	1	90	2	-53	-162	-124	-	-	-	3	-6	122	66	185	61
	2	-607	9	-180	-16	-793	-	-1	-	-6	-29†	-72	156	47†	-746†
	3	-49	7	-71	-12	-125	-	-	-	45	39	-21	-67	-4	-129
	4	-1 192	34	-269	-19	-1 446	-	-86	-	43	-17	-1	-147†	-207	-1 653
1986	1	-580	-†	106	-70	-544†	-	-	-	47	-34	93	105	211	-333
	2	-296	9	-130	-40	-457	-	-1	-	43	2	-52	95	87	-370
	3	-2 321†	19	-141†	-39†	-2 482	-	-	-	18†	94	-13†	-40	59	-2 423

1. Including Northern Ireland central government.

The Monthly Invisibles Balance

Each month, the publication of the latest visible trade figures in a joint Department of Trade and Industry and Central Statistical Office press notice is accompanied by a projection of the net balance on invisibles to give a broad indication of the current account of the balance of payments.

Although the invisibles balance is expressed as a monthly figure, there is virtually no monthly information on invisibles. The figures shown are no more than quarterly estimates or projections expressed at a monthly rate, except in special circumstances as described below.

The estimates or projections of the invisibles balance for a first month (n) of a particular quarter will reflect the information available at various stages in the quarterly cycle under which balance of payments statistics are prepared. There are four main stages:

(a) The initial projection of the balance for month n is made in the monthly current account press notice issued in month n+1. This is prior to the availability of all the information used to make the first published estimates for the previous quarter (which are issued by press notice at the beginning of month n+2). However, sufficient information is available to enable a picture of broad trends in the previous quarter to emerge. The initial projection for month n, therefore, relies on the available information for the previous quarter and an assessment of likely changes in the current quarter (months n to n+2 inclusive) based, inter alia, on the latest changes in interest and exchange rates and any known large transactions. This assessment for the current quarter is then expressed as a monthly rate, rounded to the nearest £100 million and attributed to month n.

(b) The initial projection for month n will normally be repeated for months n+1 and n+2 unless some exceptionally large transaction affecting particular months comes to light or later evidence on the previous or current quarter alters the judgement about recent trends. For example, for the first quarter of 1986, an exceptional credit of £400m in January, arising from a rebate from the European Community, was added to an underlying projection of £600m per month; and for the fourth quarter of 1986 the initial projection made in November (£900m per month) was revised in December to £800m per month in the light of fuller information on the third quarter and later indications on the level of transfers in the fourth quarter.

(c) When the projection for the first month of the following quarter is prepared in month n+4, a fresh assessment of the balance in the previous quarter (months n to n+2) is prepared, based on the accumulating evidence. If a major change from the projection made at (a) or (b) above is indicated, the figures for each month of the quarter will be revised, although still rounded to the nearest £100 million. Such revisions will provide the best estimate of recent trends and help to put the new projection for the first month of the next quarter into context.

(d) The following month (n+5) when the quarterly balance of payments figures have been published, the figures for the months of the previous quarter (months n to n+2) are adjusted to agree precisely with the published quarter total, one-third being allocated to each month subject to any exceptional credit on European Community transactions such as at (b) above.

An example of the sequence of events for a typical month (July 1986) is illustrated below (the letters in brackets refer back to the previous paragraph). These arrangements have operated only since the beginning of 1986. Previously, the first stage, (a) above, was omitted and the initial projection for the first month of each quarter was left at the figure being used for the previous quarter. In other words, no fresh assessment of the balance was made until the third month of a quarter. A change was made to take account of the potential changes in the balance arising from the oil price fall and other circumstances which could change at short notice.

£ million

	Reference period				
Monthly publication date (usually around 25th)	July (n)	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
August (n+1)	600				
September (n+2)	600	600			
October (n+3)	600	600	600		
November (n+4)	800	800	800	900	
December (n+5)	751	751	751	800	800

However, it is inevitable that making the projection at an early stage is an uncertain operation which is subject to wide margins of possible error.

Inevitably the initital projection of the invisibles balance is strongly influenced by the evidence of trends in the immediate past. Although only a single figure is published, the projection is prepared in terms of the main components. Explicit assumptions about interest rates and exchange rates are made for the rest of the quarter (based on the level at the time when the projection is made, i.e. around the mid-quarter point). If there is evidence on the timing of particularly large transactions (e.g. on payments to or from the European Community or in respect of overseas aid, etc), this is also taken into account. The largest element of uncertainty concerns the change in the volume of business where the presumption is that existing volumes are maintained unless there is clear evidence to the contrary. Although the projection is prepared in the Central Statistical Office, it takes account of the views of those departments which are responsible for particular components within the accounts.

The uncertainty about the projection of the invisible balance is inherent in the variability of the balance of payments estimates. The net balance of £751 million per month during the third quarter of 1986 represents the difference between credits and debits at a monthly rate of £6491 million and £5740 million respectively. Relatively small differences between rates of changes in credits and in debits can lead to large changes in the net balance.

The projections for the components are not considered reliable enough to justify publication, and even the aggregate balance is published only to the nearest £100 million to stress its approximate character. However, occasionally, as in January 1986 when a very large European Community rebate was payable, some additional details are given to explain why the latest estimate is substantially out of line with the immediate past.

Conclusion

The monthly projection of the invisibles balance is part of an attempt to put an order of magnitude to the latest current balance. It lacks the precision of the visible trade figures, as invisible transactions do not pass any single point such as Customs where they can be measured as they occur and in a consistent manner. Information on invisibles comes from a variety of sources and relating to various time periods (very occasionally monthly, usually quarterly and, more comprehensively and exhaustively, annually). Even though the projection is reviewed systematically as more information becomes available, a substantial margin of uncertainty remains, and caution needs to be exercised in using the figures.

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