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DOMESTIC MARKETS AND POLICY THIS WEEK

MONETARY AGGREGATES

The first estimate for £M3 in banking June is + 0.3% (implying annualised growth of 9.9% since February and 8.7% since Ocober), but this is based solely on returns from weekly-reporting banks; there are indications that the final figure may be slightly higher. Bank lending to the private sector was much less than forecast. The bill leak widened once more: it now amounts to some £400 mm. since February and any re-intermediation of this amount will have to be accommodated within the target.

The projection for £M3 in July, assuming no gilt sales other than those already in the pipeline (about £825 mm net), is 1/2% without re-intermediation, or perhaps 1% with it. On the same basis, August is projected, before re-intermediation, as 1%.

MONEY MARKETS

At Friday's tender the pro rata price rose by lp to £96.085 and the average rate of discount fell to £15.6801.

Assuming a response of £650 mn to our gilt repo facility, the pattern for this week looks as follows:

£mns

M.-330 Tu.-200 W.+40 Th.-80 F.-80 Total -650

Large shortages are expected for the rest of the current banking month. Another tranche of the new gilts facility will probably be needed, amounting to at least a further 1 1/2% of eligible liabilities: this could be announced this Friday for take-up on Friday 11th. We will buy out as much of today's shortage as possible but commercial bill repos may be necessary tomorrow, to unwind on 11th.

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No decisions on issues are required this week

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today Quarterly analysis of bank advances (mid-May) Wednesday Foreign exchange reserves

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