

A revised presentation of external liabilities and claims in sterling

The present statistical series of external liabilities and claims in sterling, often referred to as the 'sterling balances', had its origin in a recommendation of the 1931 Committee on Finance and Industry (the "Macmillan Committee"). Over the years the original series has undergone a number of changes in definition and coverage, the main ones being made in 1945 and 1963; these were explained in an article in the June 1963 issue of the *Bulletin*.

Basically, the published series has developed as an amalgam of certain 'short-term' or 'liquid' U.K. liabilities to, and claims on, overseas residents, which have the characteristic of being denominated in sterling and which can conveniently be reported upon at monthly intervals by the U.K. financial system. With the passage of time, however, and particularly because of the development of new types of liabilities and assets denominated in sterling – some of which have arisen out of international financial arrangements – the series has developed in such a way that it no longer provides the intended measure of 'short-term' or 'liquid' liabilities. In the new official presentation of the U.K. balance of payments, changes in these liabilities and claims are no longer separately classified as short-term; instead, such movements are now grouped with other kinds of capital flows according to type or, when appropriate, allocated to "official financing".¹

Not only has the distinction between short-term and long-term become increasingly arbitrary, but the concept of liquidity has also become more and more difficult to apply to this series. 'Liquidity' is often used synonymously with 'marketability', but there are now many sterling assets owned by overseas residents which do not form part of this statistical series but which may be equally marketable – such as overseas holdings of gilt-edged stocks other than by banks, and overseas holdings of U.K. equities and local authority stocks. At the same time, the series includes substantial liabilities denominated in sterling which are neither liquid nor marketable. Such liabilities largely take the forms of non-interest-bearing notes arising from the U.K. subscription to, and drawings from, the International Monetary Fund, and of specially issued U.K. Treasury bills held as the counterpart of central bank assistance. The drawings from the I.M.F. and assistance received from central banks are in fact debts specifically repayable in foreign currency, and the sterling counterpart of these operations is clearly in a different category from other sterling holdings of overseas residents. Moreover, the United King-

¹ See September 1970 *Bulletin*, page 255.

dom appears to be alone in treating the non-interest-bearing notes arising from its domestic currency subscription to the I.M.F. (amounting to £762 million as at the end of September 1970) as liquid liabilities to foreigners. This subscription is more in the nature of a contingent liability which remains inactive until used by the Fund to meet drawings by other members when Fund holdings of sterling are at 75% or less of the United Kingdom's quota. Such drawings, however, create an asset (the so-called "super gold tranche") and it is only at this stage that the sterling liability – which is now a liability to the country making the drawing – is usefully included.

Similarly, the figures of sterling claims no longer provide a measure of 'short-term' claims on overseas residents. The large growth in the figures in recent years has been mainly due to an increase in bills and promissory notes reflecting the extension of medium and long-term export credit. What is more, the figures do not include similar paper held outside the banking system – e.g. by exporters themselves – and are therefore incomplete. The new balance of payments presentation recognises this fact by including changes in all holdings of such bills and notes with other forms of export credit.

Because the published totals of external liabilities and claims in sterling have lost much of their original point, the Bank have decided to introduce some new tables which group these figures in a different, and for some purposes more illuminating, way. However, despite the imperfections already referred to, it is intended to continue to provide details of liabilities to overseas sterling countries on the traditional basis (**Table A**); these figures are also of interest as providing the basis for measuring the United Kingdom's eligibility to draw on the \$2,000 million Basle facility arranged in September 1968.¹ The new tables which accompany this article are as follows:

Table B Sterling reserves of overseas countries and international organisations (other than the International Monetary Fund) as reported by U.K. banks etc. This table provides a broad measure of overseas countries' and international organisations' holdings of exchange reserves in the form of sterling assets. In other words, it measures what is often referred to as the 'reserve role' of sterling. The distribution between the various types of assets held shows the extent to which countries choose to hold banking and money market assets as distinct from readily marketable investments in the form of British Government stocks. Some countries hold other official sterling assets which it is not at present possible to embody in the table itself, but the approximate amount of such assets at the latest date available is given in a footnote.

¹ See September 1968 *Bulletin*, page 236.

Table C External banking and money market liabilities in sterling, which gives figures of cash or near-cash funds held in the United Kingdom by overseas residents. Such funds are the most liquid, and normally the most variable, of all the different types of sterling liabilities. Those held by non-sterling countries are particularly sensitive to interest rate differentials and to changes in confidence in sterling; movements in these holdings often have a direct impact on the U.K. reserves. The holdings of the overseas sterling countries may also be affected by the same factors, but fluctuations in these holdings more usually reflect the financing of balance of payments flows, or movements between cash balances and marketable investments not included in this table. In addition to funds held for investment and reserve purposes, the figures include the more stable working balances of overseas banks and commercial concerns, both in the overseas sterling area and the non-sterling area.

Table D External advances and overdrafts in sterling shows the extent to which U.K. banks provide financial accommodation in the form of cash to overseas residents. The greater part is believed to represent advances and overdrafts given by U.K. banks to their own branches and correspondents overseas.

Table E Official short and medium-term borrowing This table shows the amounts outstanding under the various special facilities drawn on in support of the United Kingdom's reserves. Hitherto, borrowing which gave rise to a sterling counterpart has been included as part of total sterling liabilities but, as mentioned earlier, such liabilities are better regarded as liabilities in foreign exchange, the sterling counterpart of which can be considered separately from other overseas holdings of sterling.

It will be noticed that some of the tables show monthly figures for the first time. The Bank plan to publish earlier monthly figures as soon as possible.

The aim of these new tables is to bring out particular aspects of sterling liabilities and claims which are of interest and significance in their own right; no purpose is served by combining the totals of the various tables, and there is a considerable risk of duplication in so doing. But most of the information contained in the old series may be found somewhere in the new tables, or in the supplementary notes to Table C. The main items which are no longer included are end-September 1970:

	£ millions
Liabilities	
I.M.F. holdings of sterling notes arising out of the U.K. sterling subscription	762
Commercial bank holdings of British government stocks	108
Commercial bills and promissory notes lodged with banks by their overseas customers	161
Claims	
Commercial bills and promissory notes owned by banks or lodged with them by their U.K. customers	1,553
Acceptances granted by U.K. banks to non-residents	263

The Bank will continue to publish periodically, in future issues of the *Bulletin*, similar details of items no longer included in the series, and are willing to provide such information on application in writing.

More comprehensive estimates of U.K. external assets and liabilities, divided between the private and public sectors, are given in an annual series of articles in the *Bulletin* - "An inventory of U.K. external assets and liabilities"; the latest was published in the September 1970 issue. Here, as in the U.K. balance of payments, the attempt to divide the various items between short-term and long-term has already been discontinued.

Table A
External liabilities in sterling to overseas sterling countries (old series)

£ millions

End of period	Total	Deposits (a)	Treasury bills	Commercial bills lodged with U.K. banks	British government stocks (b)
Total					
1962	2,769	925	664	23	1,157
1963	2,942	1,008	777	27	1,130
1964	3,048	1,103	718	24	1,203
1965	3,061	1,315	531	28	1,187
1966	3,084	1,435	439	39	1,171
1967	2,982	1,398	382	45	1,157
1968	2,881	1,322	371	74	1,116
1969 Sept.	3,071	1,438	320	92	1,221
Dec.	3,173	1,465	309	102	1,298
1970 Mar.	3,367	1,545	330	155	1,338
June	3,535	1,674	392	94	1,374
Sept.	3,561	1,751	328	90	1,392
Central monetary institutions					
1962	1,772	158	608	—	1,006
1963	1,898	175	736	—	987
1964	1,947	195	699	—	1,053
1965	1,911	348	520	—	1,043
1966	1,855	422	427	—	1,006
1967	1,736	414	370	—	953
1968	1,650	343	368	—	938
1969 Sept.	1,977	549	318	—	1,111
Dec.	2,039	535	307	—	1,197
1970 Mar.	2,196	580	327	52	1,237
June	2,289	621	390	—	1,278
Sept.	2,312	683	325	—	1,304
Other holders					
1962	997	767	56	23	151
1963	1,044	833	41	27	143
1964	1,101	908	19	24	150
1965	1,150	967	11	28	144
1966	1,229	1,013	12	39	165
1967	1,246	984	12	45	204
1968	1,231	979	3	74	178
1969 Sept.	1,094	889	2	92	110
Dec.	1,134	930	2	102	101
1970 Mar.	1,171	965	3	103	101
June	1,246	1,053	2	94	96
Sept.	1,249	1,069	3	90	88

(a) Includes deposits with the banks, local authorities and hire purchase finance companies, local authority bills and certificates of deposit.

(b) Held for central monetary institutions and banks overseas; at nominal values.

Table B

Sterling reserves of overseas countries and international organisations
(other than the International Monetary Fund) as reported by U.K. banks etc.

£ millions

End of period	Total (a)	External deposits with				Treasury bills (b)	British government stocks (c)
		Banks	Local authorities	Hire purchase finance companies			
Total							
1962	2,312	256	3	—	1,009	1,044	
1963	2,440	291	3	—	1,128	1,018	
1964	2,436	286	19	—	1,044	1,087	
1965	2,318	330	131	—	784	1,073	
1966	2,304	413	121	7	727	1,037	
1967	2,102	390	120	19	589	985	
1968	1,920	344	59	14	542	961	
1969 Sept.	2,236	501	93	16	437	1,191	
Dec.	2,319	477	87	25	446	1,283	
1970 Mar.	2,496	599	105	26	444	1,322	
June	2,582	578	94	20	523	1,367	
Sept.	2,597	672	85	21	423	1,396	
Overseas sterling countries (a)							
1962	1,772	155	3	—	608	1,006	
1963	1,898	172	3	—	736	987	
1964	1,947	176	19	—	699	1,053	
1965	1,911	217	131	—	520	1,043	
1966	1,855	310	105	7	427	1,006	
1967	1,736	291	104	19	370	953	
1968	1,650	270	59	14	368	938	
1969 Sept.	1,977	440	93	16	318	1,111	
Dec.	2,039	423	87	25	307	1,197	
1970 Mar.	2,196	501	105	26	327	1,237	
June	2,289	507	94	20	390	1,278	
Sept.	2,312	577	85	21	325	1,304	
Non-sterling countries							
1962	451	95	—	—	321	35	
1963	437	101	—	—	309	27	
1964	379	93	—	—	258	28	
1965	303	98	—	—	181	24	
1966	332	88	16	—	205	23	
1967	265	92	16	—	137	20	
1968	153	63	—	—	80	11	
1969 Sept.	118	43	—	—	68	7	
Dec.	107	36	—	—	64	7	
1970 Mar.	129	80	—	—	42	7	
June	124	52	—	—	65	7	
Sept.	117	80	—	—	31	7	
International organisations							
1962	89	6	—	—	80	3	
1963	105	18	—	—	83	4	
1964	110	17	—	—	87	6	
1965	104	15	—	—	83	6	
1966	117	15	—	—	95	8	
1967	101	7	—	—	82	12	
1968	117	11	—	—	94	12	
1969 Sept.	141	17	—	—	51	73	
Dec.	173	18	—	—	76	79	
1970 Mar.	171	18	—	—	75	78	
June	169	19	—	—	68	83	
Sept.	168	15	—	—	67	86	

(a) Excludes the following official funds, totalling about 450 in June 1970: trust, pension and other earmarked funds, holdings of equities, and funds held locally with commercial banks.

In addition about 150 of Commonwealth sterling securities are known to be held as part of overseas countries' sterling reserves.

(b) Includes certain non-interest-bearing notes; see supplementary notes to Table C at end of this article.

(c) At nominal values.

Table C
External banking and money market liabilities in sterling

1 By type of liability

£ millions

End of period	Total	External deposits with			Treasury bills (c)
		Banks (a)	Local authorities (b)	Hire purchase finance companies (b)	
Total					
1962	2,819	1,532	93	98	1,096
1963	3,084	1,738	84	76	1,186
1964	3,049	1,757	132	87	1,073
1965	2,994	1,896	170	126	802
1966	2,946	1,934	135	137	741
1967	2,700	1,845	135	102	618
1968	2,414	1,745	71	51	547
1969	2,438	1,834	96	57	450
1970 Jan.	2,481	1,855	119	50	456
Feb.	2,462	1,837	116	58	451
Mar.	2,684	2,018	116	101	449
Apr.	2,824	2,045	146	107	526
May	2,818	2,078	131	98	512
June	2,805	2,107	101	70	526
July	2,813	2,130	104	92	488
Aug.	2,795	2,113	90	91	502
Sept.	2,778	2,191	90	71	427
Overseas sterling countries^(d)					
1962	1,589	833	41	51	664
1963	1,785	925	43	40	777
1964	1,821	974	68	61	718
1965	1,846	1,083	157	75	531
1966	1,874	1,232	115	88	439
1967	1,780	1,199	115	84	382
1968	1,691	1,208	68	46	371
1969	1,773	1,316	95	54	309
1970 Jan.	1,855	1,363	118	47	328
Feb.	1,810	1,328	115	53	315
Mar.	1,926	1,420	115	62	330
Apr.	2,108	1,495	144	70	399
May	2,085	1,503	129	72	381
June	2,067	1,513	101	60	392
July	2,080	1,523	103	84	370
Aug.	2,071	1,528	89	84	370
Sept.	2,079	1,598	89	64	328

(a) Current and deposit accounts and certificates of deposit; see the supplementary notes to this table.

(b) The division by area is partly estimated. Figures for local authorities comprise temporary loans and bills; mortgages are excluded.

(c) Includes certain non-interest-bearing notes; see the supplementary notes to this table.

(d) Rhodesia is included among overseas sterling countries up to the end of 1965, and Burma to the end of 1966; after these dates, the two countries are included as non-sterling countries.

End of period	Total	External deposits with			Treasury bills (c)
		Banks (a)	Local authorities (b)	Hire purchase finance companies (b)	
Non-sterling countries (d)					
1962	1,144	693	52	47	352
1963	1,198	795	41	36	326
1964	1,124	766	64	26	268
1965	1,050	798	13	51	188
1966	963	687	20	49	207
1967	831	639	20	18	154
1968	617	527	3	5	82
1969	570	500	1	4	66
1970 Jan.	531	475	1	4	52
Feb.	560	492	1	5	62
Mar.	665	580	1	39	44
Apr.	617	527	1	37	53
May	633	549	1	26	57
June	652	575	1	9	67
July	646	589	1	8	48
Aug.	639	568	1	7	63
Sept.	617	577	1	7	32
International organisations					
1962	86	6	—	—	80
1963	101	18	—	—	83
1964	104	17	—	—	87
1965	98	15	—	—	83
1966	109	15	—	—	95
1967	89	7	—	—	82
1968	105	11	—	—	94
1969	94	18	—	—	76
1970 Jan.	93	16	—	—	76
Feb.	92	17	—	—	75
Mar.	93	18	—	—	75
Apr.	98	24	—	—	74
May	100	26	—	—	74
June	86	19	—	—	68
July	87	18	—	—	70
Aug.	85	17	—	—	69
Sept.	82	15	—	—	67

Table C continued

External banking and money market liabilities in sterling

2 By class of holder

£ millions

End of period	Total	External deposits with			Treasury bills
		Banks(a)	Local authorities (a)	Hire purchase finance companies (a)	
All countries					
Central monetary institutions					
1962	1,182	250	3	—	929
1963	1,321	273	3	—	1,045
1964	1,245	269	19	—	957
1965	1,147	315	131	—	701
1966	1,158	398	121	7	632
1967	1,028	383	120	19	507
1968	854	333	59	14	448
1969	942	459	87	25	370
1970 Jan.	1,026	522	112	17	375
Feb.	985	480	109	24	372
Mar.	1,081	581	105	26	369
Apr.	1,187	575	134	30	448
May	1,156	575	119	27	434
June	1,129	559	94	20	455
July	1,129	575	96	45	414
Aug.	1,135	582	82	43	429
Sept.	1,119	657	85	21	356
Other holders					
1962	1,551	1,276	90	98	87
1963	1,662	1,447	81	76	58
1964	1,700	1,471	113	87	29
1965	1,749	1,566	39	126	18
1966	1,679	1,521	14	130	14
1967	1,583	1,455	15	83	29
1968	1,455	1,401	12	37	5
1969	1,402	1,357	10	32	5
1970 Jan.	1,362	1,317	7	34	5
Feb.	1,385	1,340	7	35	5
Mar.	1,510	1,419	11	75	5
Apr.	1,539	1,446	12	77	4
May	1,562	1,476	12	70	4
June	1,589	1,529	7	50	4
July	1,597	1,537	8	47	4
Aug.	1,575	1,514	8	49	4
Sept.	1,577	1,518	5	50	4
Overseas sterling countries^(a)					
Central monetary institutions					
1962	766	155	3	—	608
1963	911	172	3	—	736
1964	894	176	19	—	699
1965	868	217	131	—	520
1966	849	310	105	7	427
1967	783	291	104	19	370
1968	712	270	59	14	368
1969	842	423	87	25	307
1970 Jan.	938	485	112	17	325
Feb.	880	436	109	24	312
Mar.	959	501	105	26	327
Apr.	1,091	530	134	30	397
May	1,055	529	119	27	379
June	1,011	507	94	20	390
July	1,026	517	96	45	368
Aug.	1,022	530	82	43	368
Sept.	1,008	577	85	21	325

(a) See the footnotes to these items in Table C (1).

End of period	Total	External deposits with			Treasury bills
		Banks(a)	Local authorities(a)	Hire purchase finance companies(a)	
Overseas sterling countries^(a)					
<i>continued</i>					
Other holders					
1962	823	678	38	51	56
1963	874	753	40	40	41
1964	927	798	49	61	19
1965	978	866	26	75	11
1966	1,025	922	10	81	12
1967	997	908	11	65	12
1968	979	938	9	32	3
1969	931	893	9	28	2
1970 Jan.	917	878	6	30	3
Feb.	930	892	6	29	3
Mar.	967	919	10	36	3
Apr.	1,017	965	11	40	2
May	1,030	974	10	45	2
June	1,056	1,006	7	40	2
July	1,054	1,006	7	39	2
Aug.	1,049	998	7	41	2
Sept.	1,071	1,021	4	43	3
Non-sterling countries^(a)					
Central monetary institutions					
1962	416	95	—	—	321
1963	410	101	—	—	309
1964	351	93	—	—	258
1965	279	98	—	—	181
1966	309	88	16	—	205
1967	245	92	16	—	137
1968	142	63	—	—	80
1969	100	36	—	—	64
1970 Jan.	87	37	—	—	50
Feb.	105	45	—	—	60
Mar.	122	80	—	—	42
Apr.	96	45	—	—	51
May	101	47	—	—	55
June	117	52	—	—	65
July	103	58	—	—	46
Aug.	112	51	—	—	61
Sept.	110	80	—	—	31
Other holders					
1962	728	598	52	47	31
1963	788	694	41	36	17
1964	773	673	64	26	10
1965	771	700	13	51	7
1966	654	599	4	49	2
1967	586	547	4	18	17
1968	475	464	3	5	2
1969	470	464	1	4	2
1970 Jan.	444	438	1	4	2
Feb.	455	447	1	5	2
Mar.	543	500	1	39	2
Apr.	521	482	1	37	2
May	532	502	1	26	2
June	535	523	1	9	2
July	542	531	1	8	2
Aug.	527	517	1	7	2
Sept.	507	497	1	7	1

Table C concluded

External banking and money market liabilities in sterling

3 By groups of countries and areas and class of holder

£ millions

End of period	Total	Overseas sterling countries(a)							
		Total	Australia, New Zealand and South Africa	India, Pakistan and Ceylon	Caribbean area(b)	East, Central and West Africa	Middle East(c)	Far East(d)	Other(e)
Total									
1962	2,733	1,589	474	58	130	240	286	214	187
1963	2,983	1,785	606	75	150	225	285	236	208
1964	2,945	1,821	523	53	161	264	375	229	216
1965	2,896	1,846	328	101	172	253	465	315	212
1966	2,837	1,874	315	54	185	233	471	358	258
1967	2,611	1,780	275	61	178	200	485	325	256
1968	2,309	1,691	229	113	215	223	355	319	237
1969 Sept.	2,280	1,758	224	138	193	233	346	360	264
Dec.	2,344	1,773	205	131	184	258	369	355	271
1970 Mar.	2,591	1,926	247	173	201	289	391	369	256
June	2,718	2,067	322	138	216	290	402	406	293
Sept.	2,696	2,079	245	113	217	286	428	437	353
Central monetary institutions									
1962	1,182	766	355	35	20	135	81	80	60
1963	1,321	911	463	47	30	110	90	105	66
1964	1,245	894	389	20	45	124	139	109	68
1965	1,147	868	191	58	42	110	225	164	78
1966	1,158	849	211	17	35	97	220	165	104
1967	1,028	783	162	24	25	61	264	169	78
1968	854	712	99	78	50	89	197	117	82
1969 Sept.	977	866	105	102	43	100	250	158	108
Dec.	942	842	77	94	40	118	257	148	108
1970 Mar.	1,081	959	111	139	43	139	278	150	99
June	1,129	1,011	178	103	44	132	286	157	110
Sept.	1,119	1,008	132	75	44	124	312	174	147
Other holders									
1962	1,551	823	119	23	110	105	205	134	127
1963	1,662	874	143	28	120	115	195	131	142
1964	1,700	927	134	33	116	140	236	120	148
1965	1,749	978	137	43	130	143	240	151	134
1966	1,679	1,025	104	37	150	136	251	193	154
1967	1,583	997	113	37	153	139	221	156	178
1968	1,455	979	130	35	165	134	158	202	155
1969 Sept.	1,303	892	119	36	150	133	96	202	156
Dec.	1,402	931	128	37	144	140	112	207	163
1970 Mar.	1,510	967	136	34	158	150	113	219	157
June	1,589	1,056	144	35	172	158	116	249	183
Sept.	1,577	1,071	113	38	173	162	116	263	206

(a) Rhodesia is included among overseas sterling countries up to the end of 1965, and Burma to the end of 1966; after these dates, the two countries are included as non-sterling countries.

(b) Includes Bahamas, Bermuda, British Honduras and Guyana.

(c) Jordan, Libya, Kuwait and other Persian Gulf territories, and, as from June 1965, Southern Yemen (which was previously included in East, Central and West Africa).

(d) Brunei, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, and, until December 1966, Burma.

(e) Cyprus, Iceland, the Republic of Ireland, Malta and U.K. dependent territories not elsewhere included.

(f) United States and dependencies, and Canada.

(g) Other independent non-sterling countries of the American continent.

(h) Includes the Bank for International Settlements.

Non-sterling countries (a)

Total	North America (f)	Latin America (g)	Western Europe (h)	Other non-sterling	End of period
					Total
1,144	170	38	594	342	1962
1,198	154	58	585	401	1963
1,124	169	53	540	362	1964
1,050	127	59	517	346	1965
963	120	32	418	393	1966
831	78	28	400	325	1967
617	73	27	283	234	1968
522	77	25	229	191	1969 Sept.
570	78	29	272	191	Dec.
665	83	28	321	231	1970 Mar.
652	96	29	303	224	June
617	77	28	300	212	Sept.
					Central monetary institutions
416	2	6	215	193	1962
410	8	21	193	188	1963
351	26	16	173	136	1964
279	26	29	101	123	1965
309	50	7	73	179	1966
245	2	5	78	160	1967
142	9	4	42	87	1968
111	8	4	36	63	1969 Sept.
100	5	7	34	54	Dec.
122	4	3	35	80	1970 Mar.
117	2	4	40	71	June
110	4	2	38	67	Sept.
					Other holders
728	168	32	379	149	1962
788	146	37	392	213	1963
773	143	37	367	226	1964
771	101	30	416	224	1965
654	70	25	345	214	1966
586	76	23	322	165	1967
475	64	23	241	147	1968
411	69	21	193	128	1969 Sept.
470	73	22	238	137	Dec.
543	79	25	287	151	1970 Mar.
535	94	25	263	152	June
507	73	26	262	145	Sept.

Table D
External advances and overdrafts in sterling

£ millions

End of period	All countries			Overseas sterling countries(a)							
	Total	Central monetary institutions	Other	Total	Australia, New Zealand and South Africa	India, Pakistan and Ceylon	Caribbean area(a)	East, Central and West Africa	Middle East(a)	Far East(a)	Other(a)
1962	318	29	289	230	64	33	30	61	1	17	24
1963	348	23	325	236	63	32	30	57	4	23	27
1964	422	25	397	319	99	29	33	95	6	30	27
1965	369	45	324	284	76	26	30	87	5	26	34
1966	369	35	334	265	66	25	30	70	6	27	41
1967	366	41	325	278	87	27	27	60	14	20	43
1968	370	30	340	269	59	23	28	42	15	45	57
1969 Sept.	395	20	375	282	56	30	17	20	45	52	62
Dec.	389	18	371	276	50	28	27	25	47	36	63
1970 Mar.	378	19	359	273	43	28	22	28	38	33	81
June	391	18	373	271	46	28	23	27	36	33	78
Sept.	385	18	367	268	42	28	21	24	37	34	82

(a) See the footnotes to these items in Table C (3).

Non-sterling countries (a)

Total	North America (a)	Latin America (a)	Western Europe (a)	Other non-sterling	End of period
88	7	20	34	27	1962
112	25	25	35	27	1963
103	10	11	41	41	1964
85	3	14	33	35	1965
104	7	11	35	51	1966
89	6	10	35	38	1967
101	10	6	54	31	1968
113	19	7	50	38	1969 Sept.
113	26	9	46	32	Dec.
105	19	9	48	29	1970 Mar.
120	29	7	53	31	June
117	20	8	59	30	Sept.

Table E

Official short and medium-term borrowing

£ millions^(a)

Drawings outstanding at end of period	Borrowing with a sterling counterpart							\$ millions equivalent			
	Total	Total	I.M.F. (b)	Swiss loan (c)	F.R.B. swap arrange- ment	Other	Foreign currency deposits	Total	I.M.F. (b)	Swiss loan (c)	Other
1962 Dec.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1963 Mar.	90	—	—	—	—	—	90	252	—	—	252
June	36	—	—	—	—	—	36	101	—	—	101
Sept.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dec.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1964 Mar.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
June	5	5	—	—	5	—	—	15	—	—	15
Sept.	71	12	—	—	12	—	59	200	—	—	200
Dec.	573	501	357	28	71	45	72	1,605	1,000	80	525
1965 Mar.	744	644	351	28	114	151	100	2,083	983	80	1,020
June	1,075	1,075	851	42	129	53	—	3,012	2,383	120	509
Sept.	1,258	1,258	851	42	268	97	—	3,523	2,382	120	1,021
Dec.	1,172	1,172	846	42	169	115	—	3,283	2,370	120	793
1966 Mar.	1,055	1,055	880	42	—	133	—	2,956	2,464	120	372
June	1,112	1,112	868	42	54	148	—	3,113	2,430	120	563
Sept.	1,559	1,541	867	42	143	489	18	4,364	2,427	120	1,817
Dec.	1,481	1,467	861	42	125	439	14	4,148	2,410	120	1,618
1967 Mar.	1,029	1,029	835	42	—	152	—	2,884	2,338	120	426
June	889	889	665	14	81	129	—	2,490	1,862	40	588
Sept.	1,359	1,359	656	14	232	457	—	3,804	1,836	40	1,928
Dec.	2,067	1,874	628	17	438	791	193	4,961	1,508	40	3,413
1968 Mar.	2,597	2,277	628	17	458	1,174	320	6,233	1,508	40	4,685
June	3,102	2,700	1,211	17	—	1,472	402	7,446	2,908	40	4,498
Sept.	3,140	2,859	1,176	14	167	1,502	281	7,536	2,823	33	4,680
Dec.	3,363	3,152	1,134	11	480	1,527	211	8,071	2,723	25	5,323
1969 Mar.	3,111	2,955	1,000	4	458	1,493	156	7,466	2,400	9	5,057
June	3,018	2,774	1,125	—	427	1,222	244	7,243	2,700	—	4,543
Sept.	3,061	2,776	1,115	—	458	1,203	285	7,346	2,675	—	4,671
Dec.	2,664	2,514	1,104	—	271	1,139	150	6,394	2,650	—	3,744
1970 Mar.	1,654	1,654	1,000	—	—	654	—	3,969	2,400	—	1,569
June	1,461	1,461	992	—	—	469	—	3,506	2,381	—	1,125
Sept.	1,611	1,611	985	—	167	459	—	3,866	2,364	—	1,502

(a) Figures are calculated to end-September 1967 at \$2.80=£1; and from end-December 1967 at \$2.40=£1.

(b) Drawings from the I.M.F., net of repayments by the United Kingdom and drawings of sterling from the I.M.F. by other countries; excludes accumulated charges in sterling (less I.M.F. expenditure in sterling) amounting to £84 million at the end of September 1970.

(c) Borrowing from Switzerland in parallel with drawings from the I.M.F. under the General Arrangements to Borrow.

Supplementary notes to Table C: External banking and money market liabilities in sterling

These liabilities comprise:

- (a) Deposits, certificates of deposit and Treasury bills (see below) held for banks overseas (including overseas offices of U.K. banks) and other account holders abroad, by banks and their nominee companies in the United Kingdom and by certain other financial institutions. Similar funds held with the Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations are also included.
- (b) Temporary loans to and bills drawn on local authorities, and deposits with hire purchase finance companies, whether made direct by overseas residents or by U.K. banks and other U.K. agents for account of overseas residents.
- (c) The following amounts of non-interest-bearing notes held by international organisations, which are included under Treasury bills:

£ millions	
End of:	
1962	25
1963	24
1964	29
1965	27
1966	25
1967	23
1968	19
1969	43
1970 Jan.	41
Feb.	39
Mar.	38
Apr.	38
May	38
June	38
July	38
Aug.	38
Sept.	38

Liabilities to the International Monetary Fund are excluded; the United Kingdom's outstanding drawings on the Fund since 1962 are shown in **Table E**, and the amount of accumulated charges paid in sterling (less I.M.F. expenditure in sterling) as at end-September 1970 is shown in a footnote to that table.

- (d) The following amounts of sterling certificates of deposit included under external deposits with banks:

£ millions	
End of:	
1968	1
1969	32
1970 Jan.	31
Feb.	31
Mar.	30
Apr.	30
May	33
June	38
July	40
Aug.	36
Sept.	36