

# The financing of North Sea oil

The following tables bring up to date the figures in Tables D and E of the article 'The financing of North Sea oil 1975-1980' in the March 1979 Bulletin (page 31).

## Loans and commitments by banks in the United Kingdom for North Sea oil development<sup>(a)</sup>

£ millions

	Loans outstanding			Additional firm commitments(b)		
	Sterling	Foreign currencies	Total	Sterling	Foreign currencies	Total
<b>London clearing bank groups:</b>						
15 August 1979	348	225	573	113	139	252
20 August 1980	315	300	615	177	126	303
19 August 1981	326	459	785	174	260	434
18 August 1982	251	509	760	305	262	567
17 August 1983	302	598	900	215	262	477
<b>Scottish clearing bank groups:</b>						
15 August 1979	15	46	61	24	31	55
20 August 1980	52	45	97	59	53	112
19 August 1981	49	85	134	148	26	174
18 August 1982	46	99	145	212	86	298
17 August 1983	38	117	155	240	117	357
<b>Accepting houses, other British banks and consortium banks (excluding clearing banks' subsidiaries):</b>						
15 August 1979	56	109	165	7	66	73
20 August 1980	38	157	195	10	12	22
19 August 1981	18	218	236	18	42	60
18 August 1982	44	246	290	27	43	70
17 August 1983	55	203	258	15	6	21
<b>American banks:</b>						
15 August 1979	305	353	658	94	216	310
20 August 1980	306	424	730	199	290	489
19 August 1981	314	607	921	207	574	781
18 August 1982	319	719	1,038	92	552	644
17 August 1983	254	1,080	1,334	75	428	503
<b>Other overseas banks:</b>						
15 August 1979	169	208	377	41	26	67
20 August 1980	118	188	306	68	30	98
19 August 1981	110	160	270	97	139	236
18 August 1982	46	183	229	151	255	406
17 August 1983	104	259	363	143	211	354
<b>Total</b>						
15 August 1979	893	941	1,834	279	478	757
20 August 1980	830	1,114	1,944	513	511	1,024
19 August 1981	817	1,529	2,346	644	1,041	1,685
18 August 1982	706	1,756	2,462	787	1,198	1,985
17 August 1983	753	2,257	3,010	688	1,024	1,712

(a) Loans and commitments are included where lending is for an identifiable project or where it is reasonable to assume that the purpose of the loan is to finance North Sea commitments. They include bill finance and loans to finance companies interposed between lenders and the ultimate borrowers. The banking groups, for which figures are shown here, do not correspond with those described in the preceding note.

(b) Firm commitments, in addition to actual loans outstanding, based on the existence of an agreed facility or of a loan not yet fully drawn down.

## North Sea lending as a share of total advances to UK residents<sup>(a)</sup>

£ millions; percentages in italics

Sector	Banks in the United Kingdom					
	Total advances to UK residents as at 17 August 1983			North Sea lending as a proportion of total advances(b)		
	Sterling	Foreign currencies	Total	Sterling	Foreign currencies	Total
London clearing bank groups	56,137	4,461	60,598	<i>1</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>2</i>
Scottish clearing bank groups	6,068	452	6,520			
Accepting houses etc(c)	11,614	2,119	13,733	<i>—</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>2</i>
American banks	4,407	7,790	12,197	<i>6</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>11</i>
Other overseas banks	6,103	8,389	14,492	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>
<b>All banks</b>	<b>84,329</b>	<b>23,211</b>	<b>107,540</b>	<b><i>1</i></b>	<b><i>10</i></b>	<b><i>3</i></b>

(a) With effect from 16 February 1983, market loans to 'UK public corporations' and to 'UK private sector' were classified as advances. In November 1982 these accounted for £2,844 million of total advances to UK residents of which sterling accounted for £1,431 million. The banking groups, for which figures are shown here, do not correspond with those described in the preceding note.

(b) Excluding bill finance and loans to non-resident finance companies.

(c) See table above for full description.