

The financing of North Sea and other UK oil and gas development

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). They include finance for development onshore and in areas of the UK continental shelf other than the North Sea.

Loans and commitments by banks in the United Kingdom for UK oil and gas development^(a)

£ millions

	Loans outstanding			Additional firm commitments(b)		
	Sterling	Foreign currencies	Total	Sterling	Foreign currencies	Total
London clearing bank groups:						
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
15 August 1984	319	551	870	338	393	731
21 August 1985	177	390	567	431	417	848
Scottish clearing bank groups:						
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
15 August 1984	52	96	148	322	99	421
21 August 1985	40	77	117	154	140	294
Accepting houses, other British banks and consortium banks (excluding clearing banks' subsidiaries):						
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
15 August 1984	30	134	164	23	11	34
21 August 1985	36	95	131	45	26	71
American banks:						
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
15 August 1984	300	1,175	1,475	201	866	1,067
21 August 1985	268	534	802	346	503	849
Other overseas banks:						
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
15 August 1984	92	213	305	192	311	503
21 August 1985	154	141	295	273	240	513
Total						
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
15 August 1984	793	2,170	2,963	1,075	1,680	2,755
21 August 1985	675	1,238	1,913	1,250	1,325	2,575

(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 oil and gas development in the United Kingdom. They include bill finance and loans to finance companies interposed between lenders and the ultimate borrowers.

(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.

UK oil and gas development lending as a share of total advances to UK residents

£ millions; percentages in italics

Sector	Banks in the United Kingdom			North Sea lending as a proportion of total advances(a)		
	Total advances to UK residents as at 21 August 1985			Sterling	Foreign currencies	Total
London clearing bank groups	70,394	6,262	76,656	—	7	1
Scottish clearing bank groups	8,361	824	9,185	—	4	1
Accepting houses etc(b)	16,087	2,157	18,244	—	5	5
American banks	6,595	9,777	16,372	1	1	1
Other overseas banks	14,530	16,543	31,073	1	3	1
All banks	115,967	35,563	151,530	1	3	1

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

(b) See table above for full description.