

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 and Scottish banks' groups:						
18 August 1982	297	608	905	517	348	865
17 August 1983	340	715	1,055	455	379	834
15 August 1984	371	647	1,018	660	492	1,152
21 August 1985	217	649	866	525	773	1,298
20 August 1986	227	649	876	533	667	1,200
Accepting houses, other British banks and consortium banks (excluding London and Scottish banks' subsidiaries):						
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
20 August 1986	35	6	41	21	2	23
American banks:						
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
20 August 1986	277	547	824	127	530	657
Other overseas banks (including Japanese banks):						
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
20 August 1986	162	481	643	405	566	971
Total						
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	1,419	2,044	1,184	1,542	2,731
20 August 1986	701	1,683	4,478	1,086	1,765	2,851

(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					
	Total advances to UK residents as at 20 August 1986			North Sea lending as a proportion of total advances ^(a)		
	Sterling	Foreign currencies	Total	Sterling	Foreign currencies	Total
London and Scottish clearing banks' groups	93,290	7,763	101,053	—	8	1
Accepting houses etc ^(b)	16,291	1,511	17,802	—	—	—
American banks	7,720	10,657	18,377	4	5	4
Other overseas banks	18,727	20,834	39,748	1	2	2
All banks	136,028	40,765	176,793	1	4	3

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

(b) See table above for full description.