

Scottish Courts Administration,
St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh, EH1 3DE.

The QUEEN has been pleased by Royal Warrant being date the 20th December 1972 to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Seal appointed to be kept and made use of in place of the Great Seal of Scotland, granting the rank and dignity of Counsel to Her Majesty in Scotland to Mr James George Milligan, Advocate.

TREASURY

Treasury Chambers,
London S.W.1,
22nd December 1972.

TENDERS FOR TREASURY BILLS

1. The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that Tenders will be received at the Chief Cashier's Office at the Bank of England on Friday, the 29th December 1972, at 1 p.m. for Treasury Bills to be issued under the Treasury Bills Act 1877, and the National Loans Act, 1968, to the amount of £120,000,000.

2. The Bills will be in amounts of £5,000, £10,000, £25,000, £50,000, £100,000 or £250,000. They will be dated at the option of the tenderer on any business day from Monday, 1st January 1973, to Friday the 5th January 1973 inclusive, and will be due 91 days after date.

3. The Bills will be issued and paid at the Bank of England.

4. Each Tender must be for an amount not less than £50,000 and must specify the date on which the Bills required are to be dated and the net amount per cent. (being a multiple of one new half-penny) which will be given for the amount applied for. Separate Tenders must be lodged for Bills of different dates.

5. Tenders must be made through a London Banker, Discount House or Broker.

6. Notification will be sent, on the same day as Tenders are received, to the persons whose Tenders are accepted in whole or in part. Payments in full of the amounts due in respect of such accepted Tenders must be made to the Bank of England by means of cash or by draft or cheque drawn on the Bank of England not later than 1.30 p.m. on the day on which the relative Bills are to be dated.

7. Members of the House of Commons are not precluded from tendering for these Bills.

8. Tenders must be made on the printed forms which may be obtained from the Chief Cashier's Office, Bank of England.

9. The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury reserve the right of rejecting any Tenders.

RATES OF INTEREST ON LOANS FROM THE NATIONAL LOANS FUND

NOTICE

THE Treasury in pursuance of section 5 of the National Loans Act 1968 (1968 c. 13) hereby give notice that on and after 23rd December 1972 the rates of interest determined by them as the lowest rates under that section (being rates which satisfy the conditions laid down in subsection (2) thereof) shall be:

Period of Loan:	Per cent per annum. Loans repayable:	
	By Instalments	At Maturity
Up to 1 year	—	7½
Over 1 but not over 5 years	8½	8½
Over 5 but not over 10 years	8¾	8¾
Over 10 but not over 15 years	8⅝	9¾
Over 15 but not over 25 years	8¾	9½
Over 25 years	9¾	9¾

Treasury Chambers,
Great George Street, London S.W.1.
20th December 1972.

RATES OF INTEREST ON LOANS BY THE PUBLIC WORKS LOAN COMMISSIONERS TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES

NOTICE

THE Treasury hereby give notice that in accordance with the powers conferred upon them by the National Loans Act, 1968 (1968 c. 13) the following rates of interest shall be charged on loans made by the Public Works Loan Commissioners on and after 23rd December 1972.

Loans to local authorities as defined in paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 to the said Act.

Period of Loan	Lower Loans Repayable:		Per cent per annum. Higher Loans Repayable:	
	By Instalments	At Maturity	By Instalments	At Maturity
Up to 5 years	8½	8¾	9¾	9¾
Over 5 but not over 10 years	8¾	8¾	9¾	9¾
Over 10 but not over 15 years	8⅝	9¾	9¾	9¾
Over 15 but not over 25 years	8¾	9½	9¾	9¾
Over 25 years	9¾	9¾	9¾	10

The amount which an authority borrows within its annual quota as determined by the said Commissioners will bear interest at the appropriate rate in the lower set of rates. Where authorities borrow further sums these will attract interest in the higher set of rates, unless the said Commissioners agree that they should be offset against the following year's quota. Different rates of interest apply according to whether the principal of a loan is repaid by instalments or at maturity.

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THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that they have made an Order under Sections 3(6) and 13 of the Import Duties Act 1958.

Viz.:—The Import Duties (Temporary Reductions) (No. 2) Order 1972.

This Order continues the temporary reduction of full and EFTA rates of duty on unsweetened canned pears from 15% to 5% ad valorem until 1st February 1973.

The Order comes into operation on 1st January 1973 and has been published as Statutory Instruments 1972 No. 1984.

Copies of the Order may be purchased (price 3p net) direct from Her Majesty's Stationery Office, at the following addresses:—

49 High Holborn, London WC1V 6HB; 13a Castle Street, Edinburgh, EH2 3AR; 258 Broad Street, Birmingham 1; 50 Fairfax Street, Bristol BS1 3DE; Brazenose Street, Manchester M60 8AS; 109 St. Mary Street, Cardiff CF1 1JW; 80 Chichester Street, Belfast BT1 4JY.

or through any bookseller.

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London S.W.1.

THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that they have made an Order under Section 48 of the Finance Act 1972 viz.:—The Value Added Tax (Television Rental) Order 1972.

This Order makes provision for relief from Value Added Tax until 31st March 1975, to the extent described in Article 3(2) in respect of payments made under agreements for the hire of television sets which are in force on 31st March 1973.

The Order comes into operation on 1st April 1973 and has been published as Statutory Instrument 1972 No. 2023.

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WAGES COUNCILS ACT 1959

Retailing Bookselling and Stationery Trades Wages Council
(Great Britain)

THE Retail Bookselling and Stationery Trades Wages Council (Great Britain) hereby gives notice of its intention to submit to the Secretary for Employment proposals for amending the provisions relating to minimum overtime rates and remuneration for customary holidays set out in the Wages Regulation (Retail Bookselling and Stationery) Order 1972 (Order R.B.C.(46)). Particulars of the proposals are contained in the Wages Council's Notice R.B.C.(47) which