

Our Commission from time to time if you shall judge it expedient so to do:

And Our further will and pleasure is that you do, with as little delay as possible, report to Us your opinion upon the matters herein submitted for your consideration.

Given at Our Court at Saint James's the nineteenth day of March 1973; In the Twenty-second Year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command, *Robert Carr.*

Royal Commission on Civil Liability and Compensation for Personal Injury.

TREASURY

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

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 31st March, 1973.

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

Period of Loan	Per cent per annum.			
	Lower Loans repayable:		Higher Loans repayable:	
	By Instalments	At Maturity	By Instalments	At Maturity
Up to 5 years ...	9	9½	10	10½
Over 5 but not over 10 years ...	9½	9½	10½	10½
Over 10 but not over 15 years ...	9½	9½	10	10
Over 15 but not over 25 years ...	9½	10½	10½	10½
Over 25 years ...	9½	10½	10½	10½

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.

Treasury Chambers,
Great George Street,
London S.W.1.
28th March 1973.

RATES OF INTEREST ON LOANS FROM THE NATIONAL LOANS FUND

The Treasury in pursuance of section 5 of the National Loans Act 1968 (1968 c. 13) hereby give notice that on and after 31st March, 1973 the rates of interest determined by them as the lowest rates under that section (being rates which satisfy the conditions laid down in sub-section (2) thereof) shall be:—

Period of Loan	Per cent per annum.	
	Loans repayable:	
	By Instalments	At Maturity
Up to 1 year ...	—	8½
Over 1 but not over 5 years ...	9	9½
Over 5 but not over 10 years ...	9½	9½
Over 10 but not over 15 years ...	9½	9½
Over 15 but not over 25 years ...	9½	10½
Over 25 years ...	9½	10½

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REDEMPTION OF GUARANTEED 2½% STOCK (Created under the Irish Land Act 1903)

The Treasury hereby give notice that Guaranteed 2½% Stock outstanding on 1st July 1973 will be redeemed at par on that date, whereupon interest will cease.

Registers of Stock are kept by the Bank of England, the Bank of Ireland (Dublin and Belfast), the Department for National Savings and the Trustee Savings Banks: the following arrangements for repayment of holdings of the Stock will apply:

The final interest payment due 1st July 1973 will be payable on that date to the persons registered as holders on 5th June 1973.

Redemption money will be payable on 1st July 1973 to the persons registered as holders on 5th June 1973, after which date no further transfers will be registered. The latest date on which transfers will be accepted for registration is 1st June 1973.

TAX DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS

The Treasury hereby give notice that the additional rate of interest payable on deposits applied in payment of tax, under the terms of paragraph 5 of the prospectus published on 29th March 1973, will be, from 2nd April 1973 until further notice, 2½ per cent. per annum.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

The Treasury hereby give notice that in pursuance of section 171 of the Local Government Act 1972 they have directed that in connection with the rates of interest to be charged by or under the following enactments:

- the proviso to section 291 (3) of the Public Health Act 1936,
 - section 10 (2) of the Coast Protection Act 1949,
 - section 10 (6) of the Housing Act 1957,
 - sections 181 (5), 212, 264 (5) of the Highways Act 1959,
 - section 6 (4) of the Housing Act 1969, and
 - section 23 (5) of the Mines and Quarries (Tips) Act 1969,
- reference to the rates of interest on local loans under section 3 of the National Loans Act 1968 shall be construed as references to the higher set of rates of interest for loans repayable by instalments.

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FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

Buckingham Palace.

28th March 1973.

This Day had Audience of The QUEEN:

His Excellency Monsieur Jacob Achidi Kisob, to present the Letters of Recall of his predecessor Monsieur Lucas Zaa Nkweta, and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the United Republic of Cameroon.

The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs has re-appointed Lord Campbell of Eskan and Mr. J. M. Clay to be members of the Commonwealth Development Corporation for periods of two years and three years respectively from the 1st April 1973.

WELSH OFFICE

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HIGHWAYS ACTS 1959 TO 1971

The Cardiff—Llangurig Trunk Road (Doldowlod House—Holmes Corner Diversions) Order 1973

and

The Cardiff—Llangurig Trunk Road (Doldowlod House—Holmes Corner Diversions Side Roads) Order 1973

The Secretary of State hereby gives notice that in relation to the above-mentioned Trunk Road between Doldowlod House and Holmes Corner in the County of Radnor, he has made under the Highways Act 1959:

- (1) an Order under section 7, the effect of which is to provide that a road which he proposes to construct