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MONEY MARKET ASSISTANCE 1980

The following table shows the amounts outstanding (in £ millions) of assistance provided to the money market on make-up days since 20 February. Operations connected with special deposits are excluded.

	Gilts and export credit, etc repurchases	Holdings of commercial bills by Banking and Issue Depts	Foreign exchange swaps	Total
20 February	513	309	317	1,139
19 March	513	318	95	926
16 April	1,018	623	225	1,866
21 May	1,018	21	787	1,826
18 June	-	2	-	2
16 July	1,481	412	313	2,206
20 August	1,169	628	-	1,797
17 September	1,162	651	-	1,813
15 October	1,124	529	160	1,813
(projection)				1840
19 November	960	780	[100]	(1,640) 600
10 December				(390)
21 January				(3,190)
End of 1980/81 financial year		(Bank forecast (NIF forecast		(5,750) (3,500)

Note: In addition to the assistance shown in the table, there was other assistance related to Special Deposits, which were released on 16 January. The amount released was £780 million, which was less than the amount implied by the nominal 2% rate of call, since £178 million of relief has already been given to the clearing banks in respect of their export credit business. It had been planned that these Special Deposits should be recalled, but the recall was eventually cancelled. The export credit relief was continued until the 'corset' was removed in June.