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Supplementary forecast information release

Detailed forecast for changes in public sector net debt

1.1 The OBR is releasing this information following a request for further detail in respect of our forecasts for year-on-year changes in the public sector net cash requirement and public sector net debt, in our March 2025 Economic and fiscal outlook. We will, as far as possible, meet any requests to release supplementary forecast information where this will improve the quality of public debate on the public finances. Our full release policy is available on our website.

	£ billion					
	Forecast					
	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
Year-on-year change in PSND (a+b+c+d)	127.0	84.6	129.1	125.8	121.5	117.6
Public sector net borrowing (a)	137.3	117.7	97.2	80.2	77.4	74.0
Financial transactions (b)	-8.6	-46.1	20.0	50.9	59.4	33.4
of which:						
DEL net lending	2.1	2.2	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.6
DEL net lending in Spending Review	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
DEL beyond current Spending Review	0.0	2.2	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.6
Other government net lending	11.8	14.2	16.0	16.4	16.4	16.1
Student loan outlays ¹	13.8	15.7	17.2	18.3	19.3	20.2
Student Ioan repayments ²	-5.5	-6.1	-6.6	-7.1	-7.8	-8.5
Scottish Government	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
National wealth fund	0.8	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0
UK Export Finance	0.4	0.5	1.1	1.2	1.0	0.2
Other AME	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.2	2.6	2.8
Help to Buy repayments	-1.8	-1.9	-1.8	-1.4	-1.0	-0.9
Sales or purchases of financial assets	-6.6	-3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
NatWest Group	-6.6	-3.1				
UKAR asset sales and rundown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bank of England schemes	-32.6	-63.6	5.3	19.5	22.5	19.8
Term Funding Scheme	-50.7	-76.3	-12.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asset Purchase Facility	18.1	12.7	17.6	19.5	22.5	19.8
Cash flow timing effects	16.6	4.2	-4.7	11.4	17.1	-6.0
Student loan interest ²	9.1	7.6	7.8	8.1	8.0	8.4
Corporation tax	4.1	2.2	2.0	2.3	2.6	2.5
Other receipts	5.2	11.0	5.9	7.2	6.2	6.6
Funded public pension schemes	-0.5	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4
Index-linked gilt uplift ³	-7.9	-18.3	-20.6	-5.2	2.4	-20.1
Other gilt accruals	3.4	2.2	2.2	1.7	0.9	-0.1
Guarantee schemes write-offs	2.5	1.7	1.0	0.4	0.2	0.2
Other expenditure	0.7	-2.6	-3.7	-3.7	-3.7	-3.7
Public sector net cash requirement (a+b)	128.8	71.6	117.1	131.1	136.8	107.4
Valuation effects (c)	-1.7	13.0	12.0	-5.2	-15.3	10.2
of which:						
Gilt premia	10.7	2.8	2.0	2.1	2.2	1.9
Asset Purchase Facility gilt premia	-12.4	-8.2	-10.6	-12.4	-15.1	-11.8
Index-linked gilts uplift ³	7.9	18.3	20.6	5.2	-2.4	20.1
International reserves	-7.9	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
ONS statistical changes (d)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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Source: OBR

² Cash payments of interest on student loans are included within 'student loan repayments', as we cannot easily separate them from repayments of principal. To prevent double counting, the 'student loan interest' timing effect removes all accrued interest.

³ This reconciliation to the public sector net cash requirement does not affect public sector net debt.