

Return by a company purchasing its own shares

Pursuant to section 169 of the Companies Act 1985

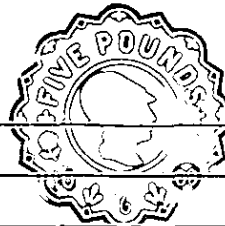
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Company number 2723534

Company name
in full

ASTRAZENECA PLC

Please do not write
in the space below.
For HM Revenue &
Customs only,
where the amount
or value of the
consideration
exceeds £1,000.



Note:
This return
must be
delivered to
the Registrar
within a
period of 28
days
beginning
with the first
date on which
shares to
which it
relates were
delivered to
the company

† A private
company is
not required
to give this
information

Shares were purchased by the company under section 162 of the above Act as follows

Class of shares	ORDINARY	ORDINARY	ORDINARY
Number of shares purchased	192,957	190,707	190,126
Nominal value of each share	US\$0.25	US\$0.25	US\$0.25
Date(s) on which shares were delivered to the company	18/08/08	19/08/08	20/08/08
Maximum prices paid for each share †	2590.784p	2620.537p	2628.559p
Minimum prices paid for each share †	2590.784p	2620.537p	2628.559p



The aggregate amount paid by the company for the shares to which this return relates was
£ 14,994,220.66
If the amount or value of the consideration is more than £1,000,
Stamp Duty is payable on the aggregate amount at the rate of
0.5 % rounded up to the nearest multiple of £5
£ 74,975.00

This section
only applies to
companies
which have
repurchased
shares on or
after 13 March
2008

To be completed by companies where the amount or the value of the consideration is £1,000 or less.
"I / We* certify that the transaction effected by this instrument does not form part of a larger transaction or series of transactions in respect of which the amount or value or aggregate amount or value, of the consideration exceeds £1,000."

Signature

Signature

Date

* Please delete as appropriate

(director / secretary / administrator / administrative receiver / receiver (Scotland))

Contact details:

You do not have to give any contact information in the box opposite but if you do, it will help Companies House to contact you if there is a query on the form. The contact information that you give will be

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When you have completed and signed the form please send it to the Registrar of Companies at:

Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, Wales, CF14 3UZ.

DX 33050 Cardiff

for companies registered in England and Wales, or

Companies House, 37 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh, Scotland, EH1 2EB

DX ED235 Edinburgh 1 or LP - 4 Edinburgh 2 (legal post)

for companies registered in Scotland