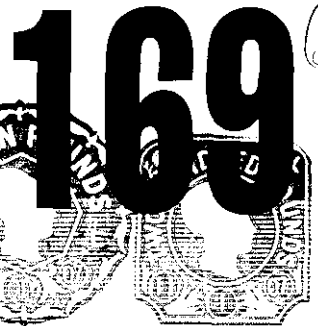


**COMPANIES FORM No. 169**  
**Return by a company purchasing its own shares**

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Pursuant to section 169 of the Companies Act 1985

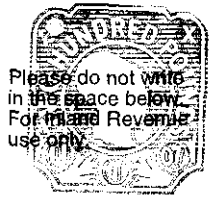
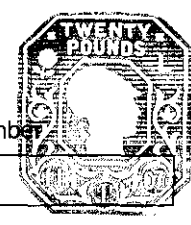
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\* insert full name of company

Name of company

\* ASTRAZENECA PLC

No. This return must be delivered to the Registrar within a period of 28 days beginning with the first date on which shares were repurchased to the company.

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	500,000	378,893	382,024
Nominal value of each share	US\$0.25	US\$0.25	US\$0.25
Date(s) on which the shares were delivered to the company	07/12/06	04/12/06	05/12/06
Maximum prices paid \$ for each share	2935.308p	2997.49p	2971.769p
Minimum prices paid \$ for each share	2935.308p	2997.49p	2971.769p

\$ A private company is not required to give this information

The aggregate amount paid by the company for the shares to which this return relates was: £ 37,386,690.59

Stamp Duty is payable on the aggregate amount at the rate of 1/2% rounded up to the nearest multiple of £5 £ 186,935.00

† Insert Director, Secretary, Administrator, Administrative Receiver or Receiver (Scotland) as appropriate

Signed Designation † SECRETARY Date 22/12/06

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