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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

for six months to 30 June 2000

	Notes	Six months to 30 June \$m	Year ended 31 Dec 1999 \$m
Turnover		_	-
Operating costs		-	(7)
Operating loss		-	(7)
Income from shares in subsidiary undertakings Merger costs		1,250 10	2,034 (70)
Profit on ordinary activities before interest		1,260	1,957
Net interest receivable	2	(202)	(68)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		1,058	1,889
Taxation		-	-
Net profit for the period/year		1,058	1,889
Dividends to Shareholders		-	(1,609)
Profit retained for the period/year		1,058	280

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES for six months to 30 June 2000

Six months Year ended 31 Dec 1999 Notes to 30 June \$m \$m Net profit for the period/year 1,058 1,889 Unrealised gain on transfer of investment in Astra AB 32,839 Exchange (loss)/gain on receivable arising on transfer of investment in Astra AB (2,042)79 Total recognised gains and losses relating to the period/year (984)34,807

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BALANCE SHEET at 30 June

	Notes	30 June 2000 \$m	31 Dec 1999 \$m
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets		-	-
Fixed asset investments	4	905	905
		905	905
Current assets			
Stocks		-	-
Debtors		36,872	37,957
Cash and short-term investments		-	<u>-</u>
		36,872	37,957
Total assets	<u> </u>	37,777	38,862
Creditors due within one year			
Short-term borrowings		-	-
Other creditors		(2,256)	(2,015)
		(2,256)	(2,015)
Net current assets		34,616	35,942
Total assets less current liabilities		35,521	36,847
Creditors due after more than one year Loans		(590)	(590)
		(590)	(590)
Provisions for liabilities and charges		-	-
Net assets		34,931	36,257
Capital and reserves			
Called-up share capital	5	441	444
Share premium account	6	213	202
Capital redemption reserve	6	4	1
Other reserves	6	2,239	2,239
Profit and loss account	6	32,034	33,371
Shareholders' funds - equity interests		34,931	36,257

The financial statements on pages 1 to 5 were approved by the Board of Directors on 27 July 2000 and signed on its behalf by:

Tom McKillop

Director

Jonathan Symonds Director

ASTRAZENECA PLC

NOTES RELATING TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 Basis of presentation of financial information

The AstraZeneca PLC accounts are presented in accordance with accounting policies set out in the 1999 annual accounts.

2 Net interest payable

Interest payable and similar charges	Six months to 30 June 2000 Sm	Year Ended Dec 1999 \$m
Payable to subsidiary undertakings External interest payable	(21)	(48) -
	(21)	(48)
Interest receivable and similar income		
Receivable from subsidiary undertakings Other	21 (202)	48 (68)
	(181)	(20)
Net interest (payable)/receivable	(202)	(68)

3 Dividends to Shareholders

	Six months to 30 June 2000 cents per 25c Share	Year Ended Dec 1999 pence per 25c Share	Six months to 30 June 2000 \$m	Year Ended 31 Dec 1999 \$m
Payment of Astra 1998 Final Dividend	-	-	-	359
1st interim	*	23c	-	408
2nd interim/final	-	47c	-	842
	-	70c		1,609

^{*}the first interim dividend for the year to December 2000 will be declared by the Board on 31st July 2000

4	Fixed Asset Investments			
	Shares \$m	Loans \$m	Total \$m	
Cost At beginning of period Additions	314	591	905	
Net book value at 31 December 1999	314	591	905	

NOTES RELATING TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

5 Called-up share capital

	Authorised	Allotted, called-up and fully paid	
	1999 \$m	1999 \$m	1998 \$m
Ordinary Shares (\$0.25 each)	444	444	394
Unissued Ordinary Share (\$0.25 each) Redeemable Preference Shares	156	-	-
	600	444	394

The movements in share capital during the six months can be summarised as follows:

	No of shares (million)	\$m
At beginning of year Repurchase of shares	1,775 (10)	444 (3)
	1,765	441

6 Reserves

	Share Premium Account	Capital Redemption Reserve	Other Reserves	Profit and Loss Account	Total 2000	Total 1999
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
At beginning of period Retained profit for the	202	1	2,239	33,371	35,813	2,492
period	-	-	-	1,058	1,058	280
Issue of shares	11	-	-	•	11	148
Gain on transfer of						
investment, net of	exchange -	-	-	(2,042)	(2,042)	32,918
Repurchase of shares		-	_	(350)	(350)	(182)
Transfer to capital				\	()	(/
redemption	_	3	-	(3)	_	_
Redenomination of share capital	-	-	-	-	-	182
At end of period	213	4	2,239	32,034	34,490	35,813

In 1999 the Company sold its investment in Astra AB to a subsidiary, resulting in a gain of \$32,839m which was taken to reserves via the statement of total recognised gains and losses. This gain, which represents an unrealised profit, is being realised as the underlying receivable is settled in cash. The unrealised exchange loss on the underlying receivable for the six months ended 30 June 2000 of \$2,042m (year ended 31 December 1999: gain of \$79m) has also been taken to reserves via the statement of total recognised gains and losses. The balance on the profit and loss account at 30 June 2000 includes \$30,876m which is not available for distribution (31 December 1999 - \$32,918m). Included in other reserves is the special reserve of \$157m, arising on the redenomination of share capital. Of the remaining balance on other reserves, \$422m is distributable.

7 Reconciliation of Movements in Shareholders' Funds

	Six months to 30 June 2000 \$m	Year Ended 31 Dec 1999 \$m
Net profit for the financial period Dividends	1,058	1,889 (1,609)
	1,058	280
Other recognised gains and losses relating to the period/year Issues of AstraZeneca Ordinary Shares Repurchase of AstraZeneca Ordinary Shares	(2,042) 11 (353)	356
Net (reduction in) addition to shareholders' funds Shareholders' funds at beginning of period/year	(1,326) 36,257	33,371 2,886
Shareholders' fund at end of period/year	34,931	36,257