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Forward-looking statements

Certain sections in this document contain 'forward-looking statements' as that term is defined in the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, such as statements that include the words 'expect', 'estimate', 'project', 'anticipate', 'believes', 'should', 'intend', 'plan', 'could', 'probability', 'risk', 'Value-at-Risk (VaR)', 'target', 'goal', 'obje 'endeavour', 'outlook', 'optimistic', 'prospects' and similar expressions or variations on such expressions.

In particular, this document includes forward-looking statements relating, but not limited to: the Group's restructuring plans, capitalisation, portfolios, net interest margin, capital ratios, liquidity, risk weighted assets, return on equity (ROE), cost:income ratios, leverage and loan:deposit ratios, funding and risk profile; the Group's future financial performance; the level and extent of future impairments and write-downs; the protection provided by the Asset Protection Scheme (APS); and the Group's potential exposures to various types of market risks, such as interest rate risk, foreign exchange rate risk and commodity and equity price risk. These statements are based on current plans, estimates and projections, and are subject to inherent risks, uncertainties and other factors which could cause actual results to differ materially from the future results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. For example, certain of the market risk disclosures are dependent on choices about key model characteristics and assumptions and are subject to various limitations. By their nature, certain of the market risk disclosures are only estimates and, as a result, actual future gains and losses could differ materially from those that have been estimated.

Other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those estimated by the forward-looking statements contained in this document include, but are not limited to: the full nationalisation of the Group or other resolution procedures under the Banking Act 2009; the global economy and instability in the global financial markets, and their impact on the financial industry in general and on the Group in particular; the financial stability of other financial institutions, and the Group's counterparties and borrowers; the ability to complete restructurings on a timely basis, or at all, including the disposal of certain Non-Core assets and assets and businesses required as part of the EC State Aid restructuring plan; organisational restructuring; the ability to access sufficient funding to meet liquidity needs; the extent of future write-downs and impairment charges caused by depressed asset valuations; the inability to hedge certain risks economically; costs or exposures borne by the Group arising out of the origination or sale of mortgages or mortgage-backed securities in the United States; the value and effectiveness of any credit protection purchased by the Group; unanticipated turbulence in interest rates, yield curves, foreign currency exchange rates, credit spreads, bond prices, commodity prices, equity prices and basis, volatility and correlation risks; changes in the credit ratings of the Group; ineffective management of capital or changes to capital adequacy or liquidity requirements; changes to the valuation of financial instruments recorded at fair value; competition and consolidation in the banking sector; HM Treasury exercising influence over the operations of the Group; the ability of the Group to attract or retain senior management or other key employees; regulatory or legal changes (including those requiring any restructuring of the Group's operations) in the United Kingdom, the United States and other countries in which the Group operates or a change in United Kingdom Government policy; changes to regulatory requirements relating to capital and liquidity; changes to the monetary and interest rate policies of the Bank of England, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and other G7 central banks; impairments of goodwill; pension fund shortfalls; litigation and government and regulatory investigations; general operational risks; insurance claims; reputational risk; general geopolitical and economic conditions in the UK and in other countries in which the Group has significant business activities or investments, including the United States; the ability to achieve revenue benefits and cost savings from the integration of certain of RBS Holdings N.V.'s (formerly ABN AMRO Holding N.V.) businesses and assets; changes in UK and foreign laws, regulations, accounting standards and taxes, including changes in regulatory capital regulations and liquidity requirements; the recommendations made by the UK Independent Commission on Banking and their potential implications; the participation of the Group in the APS and the effect of the APS on the Group's financial and capital position; the ability to access the contingent capital arrangements with HM Treasury; the conversion of the B Shares in accordance with their terms; limitations on, or additional

requirements imposed on, the Group's activities as a result of HM Treasury's investment in the Group; and the success of the Group in managing the risks involved in the foregoing.

The forward-looking statements contained in this document speak only as of the date of this announcement, and the Group does not undertake to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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Presentation of information

Statutory results

RFS Holdings is the entity that acquired ABN AMRO and is now 98% owned by RBS and is fully consolidated in its financial statements. The interests of Fortis, and its successor the State of the Netherlands, and Santander in RFS Holdings are included in non-controlling interests. Following legal separation on 1 April 2010, the interests of other Consortium Members in RFS Holdings relate only to shared assets.

Non-GAAP financial information

IFRS requires the Group to consolidate those entities that it controls, including RFS Holdings as described above. However, discussion of the Group's performance focuses on performance measures that exclude the RFS Holdings minority interest as the Group believes that such measures allow a more meaningful analysis of the Group's financial condition and the results of its operations. These measures are non-GAAP financial measures. A body of generally accepted accounting principles such as IFRS is commonly referred to as 'GAAP'. A non-GAAP financial measure is defined as one that measures historical or future financial performance, financial position or cash flows but which excludes or includes amounts that would not be so adjusted in the most comparable GAAP measure. Reconciliations of these non-GAAP measures are presented throughout this document. These non-GAAP financial measures are not a substitute for GAAP measures, for which management has responsibility. RBS has divided its operations into "Core" and "Non-Core" for internal reporting purposes. RBS has further divided parts of the Core business into "Retail & Commercial" consisting of UK Retail, UK Corporate, Wealth, Global Transaction Services, Ulster Bank and US Retail & Commercial divisions. This is a non-GAAP financial measure.

Net interest margin

The basis of calculating the net interest margin (NIM) has been refined and now reflects the actual number of days in each quarter. Group and divisional NIMs for prior periods have been re-computed on the new basis.

Recent Developments

Payment Protection Insurance (PPI)

Following unsuccessful negotiations with the industry, the UK Financial Services Authority (FSA) issued consultation papers on PPI complaint handling and redress in September 2009 and again in March 2010. The FSA published its final policy statement on 10 August 2010 and instructed firms to implement the measures contained in it by 1 December 2010. The new rules impose significant changes with respect to the handling of mis-selling PPI complaints. On 8 October 2010, the British Bankers' Association (BBA) filed an application for judicial review of the FSA's policy statement and of related guidance issued by the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS). The application was heard in January 2011.

On 20 April 2011, the High Court issued judgment in favour of the FSA and the FOS. The BBA announced on 9 May 2011 that it would not appeal that judgment and the Group supports this position. On 9 May 2011, the Group announced that, although the costs of PPI redress and its administration are subject to a degree of uncertainty, the Group will record an additional provision of £850 million in the second quarter of 2011. To date, the Group has paid compensation to customers of approximately £100 million and the Group has an existing provision of approximately £100 million.

The Group is currently discussing with the FSA how the FSA's policy statement should be implemented and what its requirements are. As part of these discussions, the Group will review its PPI complaint handling processes to ensure that redress is offered to any customers identified as having suffered detriment.

Condensed consolidated income statement for the quarter ended 31 March 2011

	Quarter ended			
	31 March 2011 £m	31 December 2010 £m	31 March 2010 £m	
Interest receivable Interest payable	5,401 (2,100)	•	5,692 (2,150)	
Net interest income	3,301	3,580	3,542	
Fees and commissions receivable Fees and commissions payable Income from trading activities Other operating income (excluding insurance premium income) Insurance net premium income	1,642 (260) 835 391 1,149	2,052 (449) 364 1,003 1,272	2,051 (572) 1,766 447 1,289	
Non-interest income	3,757	4,242	4,981	
Total income	7,058	7,822	8,523	
Staff costs Premises and equipment Other administrative expenses Depreciation and amortisation Write-down of goodwill and other intangible assets	(2,399) (571) (921) (424)	(709) (1,048)	(535) (1,011) (482)	
Operating expenses	(4,315)	(4,507)	(4,717)	
Profit before other operating charges and impairment losses Insurance net claims Impairment losses	2,743 (912) (1,947)	(1,182)		
Operating loss before tax Tax (charge)/credit	(116) (423)		(5) (107)	
Loss from continuing operations Profit from discontinued operations, net of tax	(539) 10	(5) 55	(112) 313	
(Loss)/profit for the period Non-controlling interests Preference share and other dividends	(529) 1 -	50 (38)	(105)	
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(Loss)/profit attributable to ordinary and B shareholders		
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Comment

Stephen Hester, Group Chief Executive, commented:

"RBS first quarter results show progress continuing.

We are strongly focused on serving customers well while building capabilities to improve further. Financial strength and resilience continue to show sharp improvement as Core business profitability broadens and Non-Core risks are reduced. This recovery is also allowing us to absorb higher Irish impairments and substantially increased regulatory demands, and to self-fund other "bills from the past" such as restructuring, disposals and the cost of APS support. As we work through these items the Group's regained strength and Core profitability should be the enduring gain, becoming increasingly available to drive shareholder returns.

Looking ahead we see the macro environment in which we and our customers operate as constructive, despite the continuing challenges of economic recovery in core markets. The strategic goals we have set out for RBS remain our primary focus. There are some headwinds, challenging growth and increasing capital intensity for our industry, that have a shareholder and broader read across. But despite that context RBS expects continued progress."

Highlights

First quarter results summary

The Royal Bank of Scotland Group (RBS or the Group) reported an operating loss before tax of £116 million in the first quarter of 2011, compared with a loss of £8 million in the fourth quarter of 2010 and a loss of £5 million in the first quarter of 2010.

In the Core business operating profit rose to £2,093 million, up 25% from Q4 2010. The Core Retail & Commercial divisions maintained good momentum, with income holding up well despite fewer days in Q1 compared with Q4 and the consequent impact on net interest income, and after adjusting for the disposal in Q4 2010 of Global Merchant Services (GMS) of £115 million. GBM took advantage of a rebound in investor activity during the quarter. RBS Insurance returned to profit, as the benefits of underwriting actions started to come through.

The Non-Core division made further progress in reducing risk, with funded assets falling by £13 billion and impairments continuing to moderate. Non-Core operating loss was £1,040 million, down 36% from Q4 2010.

An improvement in the Group's credit spreads resulted in a charge of £480 million in relation to movements in fair value of own debt (FVOD), compared with a gain of £582 million in the previous quarter. Improving credit spreads on assets covered by the Asset Protection Scheme resulted in a further pre-tax charge of £469 million related to this protection, which is accounted for as a credit derivative with any movement in the fair value taken as 'income from trading activities'. Note that cumulative APS charges are now £2 billion relative to the minimum fee required under the scheme of £2.5 billion. RBS recorded a pre-tax loss of £116 million. After a tax charge of £423 million and non-controlling interests, there was a £528 million loss attributable to ordinary and B shareholders, compared with a small attributable profit in Q4 2010.

Income

Group income fell 10% compared with Q4 2010 to £7,058 million, with a decline in Retail & Commercial following the disposal of GMS in Q4 2010 and movements in FVOD offset by seasonally strong results in GBM.

Net interest income was 8% lower, reflecting the continued run-off of Non-Core assets, higher funding costs and the shorter calendar quarter. Group net interest margin, adjusted for the number of days in the quarter, fell by 15 basis points to 2.04% compared with Q4 2010, primarily due to a one-off credit of £225 million in Q4 2010, with Core Retail & Commercial NIM up 6 basis points to 3.27%.

Non-interest income fell by 11% largely driven by a charge of £480 million in relation to movements in FVOD, compared with a gain of £582 million in the prior quarter, offset by lower charges in the fair value of the Asset Protection Scheme credit default swap and strong trading activity in GBM following a seasonally subdued Q4 2010. Non-Core results also showed a strong improvement, with lower disposal losses and fair value write-downs.

Highlights (continued)

First quarter results summary (continued)

Compared with Q1 2010, during which GBM benefited from favourable market conditions, Group income was 17% lower. Core Retail & Commercial income, adjusting for the disposal of GMS of £115 million, was up 5% on the same period.

Expenses

Group expenses were 4% lower than in Q4 2010. Continuing benefits from the cost reduction programmes undertaken across the divisions continue to drive good overall expense performance. Core Retail & Commercial expenses were down 2% from the fourth quarter, principally reflecting the GMS disposal, and were 6% lower than in Q1 2010.

GBM expenses rose by 23% from Q4 2010 (up 1% from Q1 2010), primarily due to variable compensation driven by the 50% increase in revenue, while Non-Core expenses were 33% lower (49% down from Q1 2010), benefiting from the reduction in its cost base following a number of disposals completed in Q4 2010 and Q1 2011.

As a result, the Group cost:income ratio fell to 61% while Core cost:income ratio was stable at 50%.

Impairments

Impairments continued on a downward trajectory, falling 9% during the quarter to £1,947 million, despite a charge of £1,300 million in relation to Ulster Bank Core and Non-Core portfolios.

Non-Core impairments were 11% lower, relative to Q4, reflecting the improving corporate environment, but with continued high impairment levels in Ulster Bank and in certain other commercial real estate books. Core impairments also fell, with improvements in UK Retail and in UK Corporate which benefited from a £108 million release of latent loss provisions, reflecting improving book quality and credit metrics. This more than offset higher Core Ulster Bank impairments.

Overall, customer loan impairments represented 1.5% of gross customer loans and advances, compared with 1.6% in Q4 2010 and 1.8% in Q1 2010.

Balance sheet

The Group balance sheet continued to strengthen in Q1 2011.

Non-Core third party assets (excluding derivatives) declined by £13 billion to £125 billion and the division is on track to reduce funded assets to below £100 billion by year-end. As at 31 March 2011, the division had a total of £7 billion of transactions agreed but not yet completed, with a strong pipeline of transactions under discussion.

Funding and liquidity

The Group loan:deposit ratio improved further to 115%, compared with 117% at 31 December 2010 and 131% at 31 March 2010, with deposit balances remaining steady while loans have declined, principally in GBM and Non-Core. The Core loan:deposit ratio remained at 96%.

Highlights (continued)

First quarter results summary (continued)

Short-term wholesale funding excluding derivative collateral increased from £129 billion to £145 billion during the first quarter of 2011 due to the inclusion of £16 billion of medium-term notes issued under the Credit Guarantee Scheme which will mature in Q1 2012. Utilisation of central bank funding was reduced from £26 billion to £19 billion over the course of the quarter. The liquidity portfolio remained slightly above target at £151 billion at 31 March 2011.

The Group issued £10 billion of term funding in Q1 2011, £3 billion higher than was issued in Q4 2010.

Capital

The Group's Core Tier 1 ratio at 31 March 2011 strengthened to 11.2%, up 50 basis points on 31 December 2010 and 170 basis points higher than a year earlier. The increase largely reflected a £33 billion reduction in gross risk-weighted assets (RWAs), excluding the relief provided by the Asset Protection Scheme, to £538 billion, driven by asset run-off, disposals and restructurings and a reclassification of markets assets in Non-Core. The APS provides a benefit to the Core Tier 1 ratio of approximately 1.3% percentage points.

Regulation

RBS continues to embrace higher regulatory standards that will reinforce the higher benchmarks that banks themselves, and RBS specifically, are moving to worldwide. The impact of change will be substantial. Its direction is clear though important issues remain to be fully worked through. While the outcome will be a safer industry better serving society overall, the costs are also significant – these reduce bank returns for shareholders, increase bank costs and force savings elsewhere, and impact cost and availability of credit and other services to customers and the economy.

Regulatory change is marked in both areas of financial stability/safety and in conduct matters where modern regulatory requirements are driving increased exposures to fines and other conduct and customer sales costs. In the area of payment protection insurance (PPI), RBS continues to settle claims where we believe that the customer has not been treated fairly or has suffered some detriment. However, a decision on appeal of the court case, led by the BBA, has not yet been made as it relates to important other issues of retrospective regulation. The uncertainties around the outcome of the PPI action mean that, at this time, the Group is unable reliably to estimate any potential financial liability, although it could prove to be material.

The interim report of the UK Independent Commission on Banking (ICB), recently published, has thoughtful analysis and, in its passages supporting the global trends to greater capital, liquidity and resolution resilience, is in line with RBS thinking as well as with these global trends. The specific emerging recommendations will need much detailed work and discussion. Those around subsidiarisation, which are not in line with regulatory developments in other major economies, are likely to add to bank costs – impacting both customers and shareholders – without the safety gains that the broader global Basel process is delivering. The extent of the impact cannot be securely estimated until the ICB recommendations are finalised. RBS continues to engage constructively with those involved to find the best avenues to meet the ICB terms of reference.

Highlights (continued)

First quarter results summary (continued)

Customer franchises

In 2010 the Group focus on serving our customers better began to gain momentum, with many tangible examples of our businesses introducing new and refreshed customer-centric initiatives and investment strategies. This effort continues.

During the quarter UK Retail published the first externally assessed, six-monthly review of its RBS and NatWest Customer Charters. The report highlighted that the division delivered on 80% of the 25 goals outlined and although recognising this as a positive start, UK Retail is not complacent.

Both UK Corporate and Global Transaction Services (GTS) focussed on adding value to their customer proposition through the provision of additional support and advice. For instance, UK Corporate increased lending under the UK Government's Enterprise Finance Guarantee (EFG) scheme and accounted for over 40% of these government-supported loans by the end of the quarter. Meanwhile, GTS maintained its commitment to helping UK businesses abroad, with the launch of an exporter hotline service providing customers with expert advice on the practicalities and opportunities of expanding in foreign markets.

Over the last year Wealth has invested in and developed technology solutions driven by a desire to improve customer service to its clients. The Q1 2011 launch of a new IT platform in Adam & Company was an important milestone in achieving this, and will be rolled out across the other Wealth businesses in the UK during the remainder of the year.

Ulster Bank's support of customers who found themselves facing financial difficulty continued – with over 4,000 mortgage arrangements put in place through it's 'Flex' initiative which offers customers practical solutions to their money problems and in some cases can include temporary reductions to repayments or loan extensions if appropriate.

In the US, Citizens enhanced its commitment to providing banking services suited to its customers' needs by offering free internet security software to online bank users, providing peace of mind to customers who value the convenience of banking from home or office.

GBM continues to invest to improve the customer experience. Q1 2011 saw the completion of GBM's programme to refresh RBSMarketplace, delivering a globally standardised, next generation internet and eCommerce platform, the foundation of a re-vitalised electronic trading and eCommerce proposition for its clients. In addition, GBM launched its research platform on both iPad and playbook allowing clients to access high-quality analysis, commentary and strategic trade ideas on the move.

Highlights (continued)

First quarter results summary (continued)

UK Lending

RBS exceeded all its lending targets for the March 2010 to February 2011 Lending Commitments period, with gross new facilities totalling £56.9 billion extended to UK businesses during the 12 month period, £6.9 billion above target. Net mortgage lending was £1.4 billion above target at £9.4 billion.

RBS will maintain its efforts to support UK customers and, along with four other banks, has agreed to seek to foster additional credit demand and to make available the capital and resources to support additional lending capacity in 2011, if demand should materialise beyond current expectations.

During Q1 2011, RBS extended £15.0 billion of gross new facilities to UK businesses. Although January and February saw comparatively weak volumes, with many companies in closed periods, larger corporates increased their borrowing activity in March, taking advantage of attractive rates available in the market to refinance existing loan facilities.

SME credit demand remained more muted, with £6.7 billion of gross new facilities extended during the quarter, down 7% from Q4 2010.

Repayments remain high, with many companies continuing to deleverage. However, drawn business lending balances at 31 March 2011 totalled £120.9 billion overall, compared with £118.8 billion at 31 December 2010. In the SME segment, drawn balances in RBS's Core Business & Commercial operation were £1.5 billion higher at £51.3 billion, though this benefited from a transfer of portfolios from Non-Core in preparation for the sale of the RBS England & Wales branch-based business to Santander.

Applications for credit have continued to decline, with 72,000 applications received during Q1, down 18% from Q1 2010 and 27% below the levels recorded in Q1 2009. Survey evidence indicates that uncertainty about customer demand remains by far the most significant constraint to growth among SMEs, with 69% of SMEs citing orders or sales as the factor most likely to limit output over the next three months, according to the Confederation of British Industry SME Trends Report, compared with only 8% citing credit or finance.

Outlook

We expect continued progress in our Retail & Commercial businesses during the balance of 2011 through modest NIM expansion, positive operating leverage and gradual normalisation of impairments.

In Ireland, we expect total Ulster Bank Core and Non-Core impairments to remain elevated in the second quarter of 2011 before gradually declining in the second half.

GBM is off to a good start, although markets remain unpredictable.

Our Non-Core division continues to perform in line with its accelerated run-down objectives, while balancing the need to preserve shareholder capital.

Analysis of results

	Quarter ended		
		31	
	31 March	December	
	2011	2010	
Net interest income	£m	£m	
Net interest income (1)	3,301	3,578	
Average interest-earning assets	657,610	661,808	
Net interest margin (2)			
- Group	2.04%	2.19%	
- Core			
- Retail & Commercial (3)	3.27%	3.21%	
- Global Banking & Markets	0.76%	0.93%	
- Non-Core	0.90%	1.09%	

Notes:

- (1) For further analysis refer to page 87.
- (2) The basis of calculating the net interest margin has been refined and is now based on daily averages rather than quarterly averages. Prior periods have been re-computed on the new basis.
- (3) Retail & Commercial comprises the UK Retail, UK Corporate, Wealth, Global Transaction Services, Ulster Bank and US Retail & Commercial divisions.

Key points

Q1 2011 compared with Q4 2010

- Net interest income was 8% lower, reflecting the continued run-off of Non-Core assets, higher funding costs and the shorter calendar quarter.
- Group NIM fell by 15 basis points to 2.04% compared with the prior quarter, primarily due to a one-off credit of £225 million in Q4 2010. Excluding this NIM benefitted from improving asset margins in Retail & Commercial and the reduction of low margin assets in Non-Core. These were also offset by tighter margins in GBM, and higher funding costs.
- Core Retail & Commercial NIM improved to 3.27% from 3.21% in Q4 2010. UK Retail asset margins declined marginally, with lower front book margins reflecting the increasing proportion of higher quality, lower loan to value mortgage lending. UK Corporate NIM improved. Deposit margins were stable at low levels in all Retail & Commercial divisions.

Analysis of results (continued)

	Quarter ended 31			
	31 March 2011	December 2010	31 March 2010	
Non-interest income	£m	£m	£m	
Net fees and commissions Income from trading activities	1,382	1,603	1,479	
- Asset Protection Scheme credit default swap - fair value charges	(469)	(725)	(500)	
- fair value of own debt	(186)	` ′	41	
- other	1,490	979	2,225	
Other operating income				
- strategic disposals	(23)	502	53	
- fair value of own debt	(294)	472	(210)	
- other	708	29	604	
Non-interest income (excluding insurance net premium				
income)	2,608	2,970	3,692	
Insurance net premium income	1,149	1,272	1,289	
Total non-interest income	3,757	4,242	4,981	

Key points

Q1 2011 compared with Q4 2010

- Non-interest income decreased by 11%. The substantial increase in non-interest income in Q1 2011, excluding the impact of fair value of own debt, £480 million, was largely driven by strong trading results from GBM, where a rebound in credit markets activity, particularly in the early part of the quarter, followed a seasonally subdued Q4 2010. Non-Core non-interest income improved, with lower fair value write-downs on asset portfolios and reduced disposal losses.
- UK Retail fees and commissions were lower, reflecting the absence of the profit share income received in Q4 and the restructuring of the division's financial planning joint venture.
- · A tightening of the Group's credit spreads resulted in a charge of £480 million in relation to movements in FVOD, compared with a gain of £582 million in the prior quarter.
- Q4 2010 included a £502 million gain largely from the strategic disposal of Global Merchant Services.
- APS is accounted for as a credit derivative, and movements in the fair value of the contract are taken as an 'other' item. The charge of £469 million in Q1 2011 primarily reflects a reduction in covered assets as well as improvement in credit

spreads. The cumulative charge on APS now stands at £2,019 million.

Q1 2011 compared with Q1 2010

- Although GBM trading results were strong during the quarter, income was lower than in the buoyant market conditions of Q1 2010.
- The FVOD charge was £311 million higher than in Q1 2010.
- Strategic disposals in Q1 2010 included the disposal of a segment of the Group's asset management business.

Analysis of results (continued)

	Quarter ended		
		December	
Operating expenses	2011 £m	2010 £m	2010 £m
Staff costs	2,399	2,194	2,689
Premises and equipment	571	709	535
Other	921	1,048	1,011
Administrative expenses Depreciation and amortisation	3,891	3,951	4,235
- amortisation of purchased intangible assets	44	96	65
- other	380	450	417
Write-down of goodwill and other intangible assets	-	10	-
Operating expenses	4,315	4,507	4,717
General insurance Bancassurance	912	1,151 31	1,107 29
Insurance net claims	912	1,182	1,136

Key points

Q1 2011 compared with Q4 2010

- Group operating expenses decreased by 4% from Q4 2010, as continued benefits from the Group's cost reduction programme have kept expense growth in check.
- There was a 9% rise in staff costs, largely reflecting an increase in GBM expenses driven by income 50% higher than in Q4 2010, partially offset by a fall in premises, equipment and other costs.
- · Insurance net claims fell to £912 million from £1,182 million largely driven by more benign weather conditions experienced during Q1 2011 and a return to more normalised claims levels on Non-Core legacy business.
- · Integration and restructuring costs decreased by 52% as costs in relation to business and country exits remain somewhat lumpy.

Q1 2011 compared with Q1 2010

 Operating expenses fell by 9% compared with Q1 2010 reflecting the realisation of cost saving benefits from the Group cost reduction programme and various country exits throughout 2010.

- Staff expenses decreased by 11% largely driven by the country and business exits in Non-Core since Q1 2010, and lower variable compensation in GBM in the quarter.
- Insurance net claims decreased by 20% as bodily injury reserving stabilised and the severe weather experienced in Q1 2010 was not repeated.
- · Integration and restructuring costs reduced from Q1 2010 as costs relating to the ABN AMRO integration in 2009 were replaced with comparatively smaller business and country exit costs.

Analysis of results (continued)

	Quarter ended		
	31 March 2011	December 2010	31 March 2010
Impairment losses	£m	£m	£m
Loan impairment losses Securities impairment losses	1,898 49	2,155 (14)	
Group impairment losses	1,947	2,141	2,675
Loan impairment losses - latent - collectively assessed - individual assessed	(107) 720 1,285	729	31 841 1,730
Customer loans Bank loans	1,898	2,168 (13)	
Loan impairment losses	1,898	2,155	2,602
Customer loan impairment charge as % of gross loans and advances (1) Group	1.5%	1.6%	1.8%
Core Non-Core	0.8% 4.0%		0.9% 4.6%

Note:

(1) Customer loan impairment charge as a percentage of gross loans and advances to customers including disposal groups and excluding reverse repurchase agreements.

Key points

Q1 2011 compared with Q4 2010

- Total impairments fell by 9% in Q1 2011 despite a £135 million increase in Ulster Bank (Core and Non-Core). The decrease was driven by improvements in UK Retail and in UK Corporate which benefited from a £108 million release of latent loss provisions, reflecting improving book quality and credit metrics. Non-Core impairments were 11% lower reflecting the improving corporate environment.
- · Ulster Bank (Core and Non-Core) impairments continued to rise from Q4 2010, from £1,165 million to £1,300 million (12%). The Core increase was driven by continued deterioration in mortgage credit metrics together with a higher level of defaults recorded in the corporate investment and SME portfolios.

Q1 2011 compared with Q1 2010

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Group impairments fell by 27% from Q1 2010 levels as the overall economic environment continued to improve.

- In the Core business impairments fell by 10%. A 50% decrease in UK Retail, primarily reflecting lower arrears volumes on the unsecured portfolio, was offset by an increase in Ulster Bank impairments where the economic environment remains challenging. Both UK Corporate and US Retail & Commercial impairments fell, by 44% and 23% respectively.
- Non-Core impairments decreased from £1,704 million to £1,075 million as the corporate environment improved, but with continued high impairment levels in Ulster Bank and certain other real estate portfolios.

Analysis of results (continued)

		31	
	31 March	December	31 March
Capital resources and ratios	2011	2010	2010
Core Tier 1 capital	£49bn	£50bn	£54bn
Tier 1 capital	£60bn	£60bn	£71bn
Total capital	£64bn	£65bn	£82bn
Risk-weighted assets			
- gross	£538bn	£571bn	£692bn
- benefit of the Asset Protection Scheme	(£98bn)	(£106bn)	(£125bn)
Risk-weighted assets	£440bn	£465bn	£567bn
Core Tier 1 ratio (1)	11.2%	10.7%	9.5%
Tier 1 ratio	13.5%	12.9%	12.5%
Total capital ratio	14.5%	14.0%	14.5%

Notes

(1) Benefit of APS in Core Tier 1 ratio is 1.3% at 31 March 2011 (31 December 2010 - 1.2%; 31 March 2010 - 1.4%).

Key points

Q1 2011 compared with Q4 2010

- The Core Tier 1 ratio improved by 50 basis points to 11.2% in Q1 2011, principally reflecting a £33 billion reduction in gross RWAs, excluding the benefit provided by the APS, driven by asset run-off, disposals and restructurings, and a reclassification of certain trades in Non-Core.
- The APS provided relief equivalent to 1.3% of Core Tier 1.

Q1 2011 compared with Q1 2010

- The Core Tier 1 ratio increased by 170 basis points from Q1 2010 levels, primarily due to a reduction of £154 billion in gross RWAs.
- · Non-Core RWAs fell by over £36 billion in the year driven by disposals, asset run-off and risk reduction.

Analysis of results (continued)

		31	
	31 March	December	31 March
Balance sheet	2011	2010	2010
Total assets	£1,413bn	£1,454bn	£1,766bn
Funded balance sheet (1)	£1,052bn	£1,026bn	£1,303bn
Loans and advances to customers (2)	£494bn	£503bn	£554bn
Customer deposits (3)	£428bn	£429bn	£425bn

Notes:

- (1) Total assets excluding derivatives.
- (2) Excluding reverse repurchase agreements and stock borrowing.
- (3) Excluding repurchase agreements and stock lending.

Key points

- Group funded assets, excluding derivatives, increased by £26 billion during the quarter to £1,052 billion at 31 March 2011. Non-Core funded assets continued to decline, falling by £13 billion to £125 billion. GBM assets increased by £27 billion from a seasonally low level at the end of 2010, but remain within the targeted range, and there has been modest growth in Retail & Commercial.
- Loans and advances fell by £9 billion during the quarter, with portfolio run-off in Non-Core and GBM only partially offset by growth in Core UK Retail & Commercial lending. With deposits holding steady, the Group loan:deposit ratio improved to 115% while the Core loan:deposit ratio was stable at 96%.
- · Compared with 31 March 2010, funded assets fell by £251 billion, driven by the run-off of Non-Core.

Further discussion of the Group's funding and liquidity position is included on pages 91 to 96.

Quarter ended

Divisional performance

	Quarter ended		
		31	
		December	
	2011	2010	2010
	£m	£m	£m
Operating profit/(loss) by division			
UK Retail	508	558	140
UK Corporate	493	333	318
Wealth	80	87	62
Global Transaction Services	187	267	233
Ulster Bank	(377)	(271)	(137)
US Retail & Commercial	80	64	40
Retail & Commercial	971	1,038	656
Global Banking & Markets	1,098	527	1,498
RBS Insurance	67	(9)	(50)
Central items	(43)	115	337
Core	2,093	1,671	2,441
Non-Core	(1,040)	(1,616)	(1,559)
	1,053	55	882
Reconciling items			
Fair value of own debt	(480)	582	(169)
Asset Protection Scheme credit default swap - fair			
value changes	(469)	(725)	(500)
Amortisation of purchased intangible assets	(44)	(96)	(65)
Integration and restructuring costs	(145)	(299)	(168)
Strategic disposals	(23)	502	53
Bonus tax	(11)	(15)	(54)
Write-down of goodwill and other intangible assets	-	(10)	
RFS Holdings minority interest	3	(2)	
		, ,	
Group operating loss	(116)	(8)	(5)
	(uarter ende	d
		31	
		December	
	2011	2010	2010
	£m	£m	£m
Impairment losses by division	40.	22-	20=
UK Retail	194	222	387
UK Corporate	105	219	186

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Wealth	5	6	4
Global Transaction Services	20	3	-
Ulster Bank	461	376	218
US Retail & Commercial	110	105	143
Retail & Commercial	895	931	938
Global Banking & Markets	(24)	(5)	32
Central items	1	4	1
Core	872	930	971
Non-Core	1,075	1,211	1,704
Group impairment losses	1,947	2,141	2,675

Divisional performance (continued)

	Quarter ended 31		
	31 March	31 March	
	2011	2010	2010
	%	%	%
Net interest margin by division			
UK Retail	4.04	4.05	3.71
UK Corporate	2.73	2.55	2.41
Wealth	3.45	3.29	3.42
Global Transaction Services	5.91	6.14	8.08
Ulster Bank	1.72	1.77	1.79
US Retail & Commercial	3.01	3.00	2.72
Retail & Commercial	3.27	3.21	3.01
Global Banking & Markets	0.76	0.93	1.13
Non-Core	0.90	1.09	1.27
Group net interest margin	2.04	2.19	

		31			
	31 March	December		31 March	
	2011	2010		2010	
	£bn	£bn	Change	£bn	Change
Risk-weighted assets by					
division					
UK Retail	50.3	48.8	3%	49.8	1%
UK Corporate	79.3	81.4	(3%)	91.3	(13%)
Wealth	12.6	12.5	1%	11.7	8%
Global Transaction Services	18.2	18.3	(1%)	20.4	(11%)
Ulster Bank	31.7	31.6	-	32.8	(3%)
US Retail & Commercial	53.6	57.0	(6%)	63.8	(16%)
Retail & Commercial	245.7	249.6	(2%)	269.8	(9%)
Global Banking & Markets	146.5	146.9	-	141.8	3%
Other	14.5	18.0	(19%)	9.6	51%
Core	406.7	414.5	(2%)	421.2	(3%)
Non-Core	128.5	153.7	(16%)	164.3	(22%)
Group before benefit of Asset					
Protection					
Scheme	535.2	568.2	(6%)	585.5	(9%)

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Benefit of Asset Protection Scheme	(98.4)	(105.6)	(7%)	(124.8)	(21%)
Group before RFS Holdings minority					
interest	436.8	462.6	(6%)	460.7	(5%)
RFS Holdings minority interest	2.9	2.9	-	106.5	(97%)
	439.7	465.5	(6%)	567.2	(22%)

Divisional performance (continued)

		31	
Employee numbers by division (full time equivalents in	31 March	December	31 March
continuing operations rounded to the nearest hundred)	2011	2010	2010
UK Retail	28,100	28,200	29,200
UK Corporate	13,100	13,100	12,400
Wealth	5,400	5,200	4,900
Global Transaction Services	2,700	2,600	3,500
Ulster Bank	4,300	4,200	4,300
US Retail & Commercial	15,400	15,700	15,700
Retail & Commercial	69,000	69,000	70,000
Global Banking & Markets	19,000	18,700	18,200
RBS Insurance	14,900	14,500	14,200
Group Centre	4,800	4,700	4,400
Core	107,700	106,900	106,800
Non-Core	6,700	6,900	14,900
	114,400	113,800	121,700
Business Services	34,100	34,400	38,000
Integration	-	300	300
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Group	148,500	148,500	160,000

UK Retail

	Quarter ended 31		
	31 March 2011 £m	December 2010 £m	31 March 2010 £m
Income statement	4.056	4.000	0.00
Net interest income	1,076	1,088	933
Net fees and commissions Other non-interest income	289 15	328 74	273 73
Non-interest income	304	402	346
Total income	1,380	1,490	1,279
Direct expenses			
- staff	(215)	(208)	(225)
- other	(113)	, ,	
Indirect expenses	(350)	(400)	
	(678)	(679)	(723)
Insurance net claims	_	(31)	(29)
Impairment losses	(194)		
Operating profit	508	558	140
Analysis of income by product			
Personal advances	275	275	234
Personal deposits	254	271	277
Mortgages	543	557	422
Cards	238	251	229
Other, including bancassurance	70	136	117
Total income	1,380	1,490	1,279
Analysis of impairments by sector			
Mortgages	61	30	48
Personal	95	131	233
Cards	38	61	106
Total impairment losses	194	222	387

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Loan impairment charge as % of gross customer loans and advances			
(excluding reverse repurchase agreements) by sector			
Mortgages	0.3%	0.1%	0.2%
Personal	3.3%	4.5%	7.1%
Cards	2.7%	4.0%	7.1%
Total	0.7%	0.8%	1.5%

UK Retail (continued)

Key metrics					
•			Ç	Quarter ende	ed
				31	
			31 March	December	31 March
			2011	2010	2010
Performance ratios					
Return on equity (1)			26.2%	25.2%	7.1%
Net interest margin			4.04%	4.05%	3.71%
Cost:income ratio			49%	46%	57%
		31			
	21 March	December		31 March	
	2011	2010		2010	
	£bn	£bn	Change	£bn	Change
	LUII	LUII	Change	LUII	Change
Capital and balance sheet					
Loans and advances to					
customers (gross)					
- mortgages	93.0	90.6	3%	84.8	10%
- personal	11.4	11.7	(3%)	13.2	(14%)
- cards	5.6	6.1	(8%)	6.0	(7%)
	110.0	108.4	1%	104.0	6%
Customer deposits (excluding					
bancassurance)	96.1	96.1	-	89.4	7%
Assets under management					
(excluding					
deposits)	5.8	5.7	2%	5.3	9%
Risk elements in lending	4.6	4.6	-	4.7	(2%)
Loan:deposit ratio (excluding					
repos)	112%	110%	200bp	113%	(100bp)
Risk-weighted assets	50.3	48.8	3%	49.8	1%

Notes:

(1) Divisional return on equity is based on divisional operating profit after tax divided by average notional equity (based on 9% of the monthly average of divisional RWAs, adjusted for capital deductions); Q4 2010 adjusted for timing of intra-quarter items.

Key points

UK Retail is committed to rebuilding customer trust and the reputation of its brands by becoming the most helpful and sustainable bank in the UK. During Q1 2011 the division developed increased online functionality and simplified the product offering as part of a continued effort to achieve this goal.

In March 2011 the first externally assessed, six-monthly review of the RBS and NatWest Customer Charters was published with UK Retail having delivered on 80% of the 25 goals outlined. Although this was a positive start, the division recognises that there is still far to go and will not be complacent. Already, further feedback is being sought from customers to ensure the Charters continue to really focus on delivering for our customers throughout 2011.

UK Retail has also continued with a major investment programme that began in 2010. This programme aims to support the improvement in customer service embodied by the Customer Charters by providing the division and its staff with the training and tools necessary to achieve the strategic goals of the division.

UK Retail (continued)

Key points (continued)

The economic environment in the UK remains challenging for the division's customers and, while UK Retail remains focussed on providing support to customers who do find themselves in difficulty, the division also recognises the need for continued commitment to responsible lending - including first time buyers in the mortgage market.

Overall, Q1 2011 demonstrates continued progress towards achieving the business and strategic goals of the UK Retail division.

Q1 2011 compared with Q4 2010

- Operating profit of £508 million in Q1 2011 was £50 million lower than in the previous quarter. Excluding the lower Financial Services Compensation Scheme levy cost recognised in Q4 2010 and profit share payment received in the same quarter, operating profit increased £51 million in Q1 2011. Impairment losses improved by £28 million to £194 million.
- · UK Retail continued to drive strong growth in secured lending.
 - o Mortgage balances increased 3% on Q4 2010. RBS lending volumes showed signs of recovery in the quarter, with more new mortgages written at lower loan to value ratios. Market share of new mortgage lending increased to 14% in the quarter, well above the Group's 8% share of stock.
 - o Unsecured lending fell by 4% in the quarter, in line with the Group's continued focus on lower risk secured lending.
 - o Total deposits remained flat in the quarter after a strong period of growth in Q4 2010.
 - o The loan to deposit ratio at 31 March 2011 was 112%, slightly higher than the prior quarter ratio of 110%.
- Net interest income fell by 1%, with net interest margin at 4.04%, a 1 basis point decline on Q4 2010. Asset margins fell marginally on Q4 2010, with rate upside offset by increased mortgage volumes written at lower loan to value ratios. Liability margins continued to contract in the quarter, largely reflecting the reduction in yield on current account hedges. Savings margins were broadly flat on Q4 2010.
- Non-interest income fell by 24% from the prior quarter. Excluding the one-off profit share received in Q4 2010 and the impact of restructuring the division's Bancassurance Joint Venture, fee income growth was 1% driven by an increase in transactional fees.
- Overall expenses remained flat quarter on quarter. Excluding the lower Financial Services Compensation Scheme cost recognised in Q4 2010 and the effect of restructuring our Bancassurance Joint Venture, costs improved by 1%, with continued management focus on process re-engineering and technology investment. The cost:income ratio increased marginally from 46% to 49%.

UK Retail (continued)

Q1 2011 compared with Q4 2010 (continued)

- Impairment losses improved by 13% in Q1 2011. Impairments are expected to stabilise subject to normal seasonal fluctuations and broad stability within the economic environment.
 - o Mortgage impairment losses were £61 million on a total book of £93 billion. The quarter on quarter increase of £31 million primarily reflects the continued impact of difficult housing market conditions on the recovery of already defaulted debt. Arrears rates, which continue to be supported by low interest rates and good book growth, were stable and remained below the Council of Mortgage Lenders industry average.
 - o The unsecured portfolio impairment charge fell 31% to £133 million, on a book of £17 billion, with lower default volumes and improved collections performance. Industry benchmarks for cards arrears remain stable, with RBS continuing to perform better than the market.
- · Risk-weighted assets increased in the quarter, primarily reflecting business growth.

Q1 2011 compared with Q1 2010

- Operating profit increased by £368 million, with income up 8%, costs down 6% and impairments 50% lower than in Q1 2010.
- Net interest income was 15% higher than Q1 2010, with strong mortgage balance growth and recovering asset margins across all products but with continual competitive pressure on liability margins.
- · Costs were 6% lower than in Q1 2010, driven by careful management of process efficiencies within the branch network and operational centres. The cost:income ratio improved from 57% to 49%.
- · Impairment losses decreased by 50% on Q1 2010 primarily reflecting lower arrears on the unsecured portfolio.
- Savings balances were up 11% on Q1 2010, significantly outperforming the market which remains intensely competitive. Personal current account balances remained largely flat over the same period.

UK Corporate

	Quarter ended 31		
	31 March 2011	December 2010	31 March 2010
	£m	£m	£m
Income statement			
Net interest income	689	653	610
Net fees and commissions	244	251	224
Other non-interest income	88	79	105
Non-interest income	332	330	329
Total income	1,021	983	939
Direct expenses			
- staff - other	(202) (90)		
Indirect expenses	(131)		
	(423)		(435)
	(123)	(131)	(133)
Impairment losses	(105)	(219)	(186)
Operating profit	493	333	318
Analysis of income by bysiness			
Analysis of income by business Corporate and commercial lending	729	657	630
Asset and invoice finance	152	166	134
Corporate deposits	170	184	176
Other	(30)	(24)	(1)
Total income	1,021	983	939
Analysis of impoirments by sector			
Analysis of impairments by sector Banks and financial institutions	3	12	2
Hotels and restaurants	8	18	16
Housebuilding and construction	32	47	14
Manufacturing	6	(9)	
Other	1	(12)	
Private sector education, health, social work, recreational and community	11	21	8

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services			
Property	18	84	66
Wholesale and retail trade, repairs	16	31	18
Asset and invoice finance	10	27	19
Total impairment losses	105	219	186

UK Corporate (continued)

			Ç	uarter endec	i
				December	
			2011	2010	2010
Loan impairment charge as % o and advances	f gross custo	omer loans			
(excluding reverse repurchase	agreements)	by sector			
Banks and financial institutions			0.2%	0.8%	0.1%
Hotels and restaurants			0.5%	1.1%	1.0%
Housebuilding and construction			2.8%	4.2%	1.3%
Manufacturing			0.5%	(0.7%)	0.4%
Other			-	(0.2%)	0.5%
Private sector education, health, recreational and community	social work	,			
services			0.5%	0.9%	0.4%
Property			0.2%	1.1%	0.8%
Wholesale and retail trade, repa	irs		0.7%		0.7%
Asset and invoice finance			0.4%	1.1%	0.8%
Total	Total			0.8%	0.7%
Key metrics					
			Ç	uarter endec	1
				31	
				December	
			2011	2010	
			2011	2010	2010
			2011	2010	
Performance ratios					2010
Return on equity (1)			15.8%	11.8%	20109.9%
Return on equity (1) Net interest margin			15.8% 2.73%	11.8% 2.55%	9.9% 2.41%
Return on equity (1)			15.8%	11.8%	20109.9%
Return on equity (1) Net interest margin		31	15.8% 2.73%	11.8% 2.55% 44%	9.9% 2.41%
Return on equity (1) Net interest margin		December	15.8% 2.73%	11.8% 2.55% 44% 31 March	9.9% 2.41%
Return on equity (1) Net interest margin	2011	December 2010	15.8% 2.73% 41%	11.8% 2.55% 44% 31 March 2010	9.9% 2.41% 46%
Return on equity (1) Net interest margin		December	15.8% 2.73%	11.8% 2.55% 44% 31 March	9.9% 2.41%
Return on equity (1) Net interest margin Cost:income ratio	2011	December 2010	15.8% 2.73% 41%	11.8% 2.55% 44% 31 March 2010	9.9% 2.41% 46%
Return on equity (1) Net interest margin	2011	December 2010	15.8% 2.73% 41%	11.8% 2.55% 44% 31 March 2010	9.9% 2.41% 46%
Return on equity (1) Net interest margin Cost:income ratio Capital and balance sheet Total third party assets Loans and advances to customers (gross)	2011 £bn	December 2010 £bn	15.8% 2.73% 41%	11.8% 2.55% 44% 31 March 2010 £bn	2010 9.9% 2.41% 46% Change
Return on equity (1) Net interest margin Cost:income ratio Capital and balance sheet Total third party assets Loans and advances to customers (gross) - banks and financial	2011 £bn 115.0	December 2010 £bn 114.6	15.8% 2.73% 41% Change	11.8% 2.55% 44% 31 March 2010 £bn	2010 9.9% 2.41% 46% Change (2%)
Return on equity (1) Net interest margin Cost:income ratio Capital and balance sheet Total third party assets Loans and advances to customers (gross)	2011 £bn	December 2010 £bn 114.6	15.8% 2.73% 41%	11.8% 2.55% 44% 31 March 2010 £bn	2010 9.9% 2.41% 46% Change

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- housebuilding and					
construction	4.5	4.5	-	4.3	5%
- manufacturing	5.1	5.3	(4%)	5.9	(14%)
- other	31.8	31.0	3%	31.1	2%
- private sector education,					
health, social					
work, recreational and					
community services	8.9	9.0	(1%)	8.5	5%
- property	30.2	29.5	2%	32.0	(6%)
- wholesale and retail trade,					
repairs	9.5	9.6	(1%)	10.4	(9%)
- asset and invoice finance	9.8	9.9	(1%)	9.0	9%
	112.5	111.7	1%	114.3	(2%)
Customer deposits	100.6	100.0	1%	91.4	10%
Risk elements in lending	4.6	4.0	15%	2.5	84%
Loan:deposit ratio (excluding					
repos)	110%	110%	-	124%	(1,400bp)
Risk-weighted assets	79.3	81.4	(3%)	91.3	(13%)

Note:

(1) Divisional return on equity is based on divisional operating profit after tax, adjusted for a one-off item in Q1 2011, divided by average notional equity (based on 9% of the monthly average of divisional RWAs, adjusted for capital deductions).

UK Corporate (continued)

Key points

UK Corporate has made good progress in enhancing the ways in which it services and adds value to its corporate and SME customers.

During Q1 2011, the division exceeded its overall business lending targets. The SME Customer Charter, introduced in 2009, underscores UK Corporate's determination to service its business customers fairly and transparently. This has brought real advantages to customers, with more than 80,000 SMEs benefiting from the Charter's overdraft price promise during the quarter.

UK Corporate has engaged in a £300 million investment programme over five years to strengthen its customer proposition, delivery channels, data analytics and risk discipline, and is increasing the number of experienced business managers in branches. The development of tailored propositions for targeted segments has delivered initial success, with strong customer recruitment among, for example, businesses run by women and start-ups.

Q1 2011 compared with Q4 2010

- Operating profit increased by 48% to £493 million, driven by lower impairments and a revision to deferred income recognition assumptions which boosted income in the quarter.
- Net interest income rose by 6% as a result of this revision to income deferral assumptions. Adjusting for this, (£50 million), net interest income was stable with net interest margin holding up well despite the continuing pressure on deposit margins. Customer deposits continued to grow. The growth in lending in Q1 2011 resulted from a transfer from Non-Core in preparation for the sale of the RBS England & Wales branch-based business to Santander. Underlying net lending was slightly down as customer deleveraging persisted.
- Non-interest income was broadly in line with Q4 2010 with fee accelerations from refinancing in the quarter offsetting lower Global Banking & Markets related income and lower operating lease activity.
- Total costs remain under control, down 2%, despite a small number of fraud cases costing £15 million in Q1 2011.
- · Impairments of £105 million were £114 million lower than Q4 2010. This was primarily driven by a release of latent provisions reflecting improving book quality and credit metrics. In addition specific provisions fell, following the small number of specific, significant impairments recorded in Q4 2010.

Q1 2011 compared with Q1 2010

• Operating profit was up £175 million or 55%, primarily driven by lower impairments, widening asset margins and revised deferred income recognition assumptions implemented in Q1 2011.

Excluding the deferred fee impact (£50 million), net interest income rose 5% and net interest margin increased 22 basis points, reflecting re-pricing of the lending portfolio. Customer deposits saw significant growth, up £9.2 billion (10%), through successful deposit-gathering initiatives. This contributed to an improvement in the loan to deposit ratio from 124% to 110%.

- Non-interest income increased 1% as a result of strong refinancing activity largely offset by lower sales of financial market products.
- Total costs decreased by 3% compared with Q1 2010, which included an OFT penalty of £29 million.
- · Impairments were 44% lower, reflecting improved book quality and credit metrics.

Wealth

	Quarter ended 31		
	31 March 2011 £m	December 2010 £m	31 March 2010 £m
Income statement Net interest income	167	160	143
Net fees and commissions Other non-interest income	97 17	94 17	95 17
Non-interest income	114	111	112
Total income	281	271	255
Direct expenses - staff - other Indirect expenses	(100) (44) (52)	(29) (53)	(99) (35) (55)
Impairment losses	(196)		(189)
Operating profit	80	87	62
Analysis of income Private banking Investments	231 50	220 51	204 51
Total income	281	271	255
Key metrics	Ç	Quarter endec	d
	31 March 2011	December 2010	31 March 2010
Performance ratios Return on equity (1) Net interest margin Cost:income ratio	19.0% 3.45% 70%	21.0% 3.29% 66%	15.9% 3.42% 74%

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	2011	31		2010	
		December			
		2010			
	£bn	£bn	Change	£bn	Change
Capital and balance sheet					
Loans and advances to					
customers (gross)					
- mortgages	7.8	7.8	-	6.8	15%
- personal	7.0	6.7	4%	6.2	13%
- other	1.7	1.6	6%	1.5	13%
	16.5	16.1	2%	14.5	14%
Customer deposits	37.5	36.4	3%	36.4	3%
Assets under management					
(excluding					
deposits)	34.4	32.1	7%	31.7	9%
Risk elements in lending	0.2	0.2	-	0.2	-
Loan:deposit ratio (excluding					
repos)	44%	44%	-	40%	400bp
Risk-weighted assets	12.6	12.5	1%	11.7	8%

Note:

⁽¹⁾ Divisional return on equity is based on divisional operating profit after tax divided by average notional equity (based on 9% of the monthly average of divisional RWAs, adjusted for capital deductions).

Wealth (continued)

Key points

In Q1 2011 Wealth announced a new set of goals and strategic plans, which have been accompanied by significant management change. The new strategy focuses on a narrower range of territories, balancing mature and growth markets, where the Coutts brand is strong and resonant. Wealth is already making progress in the UK with an increased focus on investment advisory services, while internationally cash management services are receiving increasing attention.

The new Wealth strategy is underpinned by technology. A new IT platform, already in place within Wealth International was launched in Adam & Company during Q1 2011 and will be rolled out to the rest of the UK businesses during the year. This new platform will enhance the customer service provided to Wealth clients and allow for an integrated banking platform throughout the division. It is only the first of a number of planned technology investments to improve customer connectivity and take advantage of the growth opportunity the division represents.

Q1 2011 compared with Q4 2010

- Operating profit decreased 8% to £80 million in the first quarter with an increase in income being more than offset by increased expenses as the division continues to invest in enhancing its strategic proposition.
- · Income increased 4% in Q1 2011, with net interest income up 4% primarily reflecting increased treasury income. As a result, net interest margin improved by 16 basis points. Non-interest income rose 3% reflecting growth in assets under management and improved brokerage income.
- Expenses grew by 10% to £196 million reflecting significant investment to support strategic initiatives.
- Lending volumes maintained strong momentum in the quarter with balances up a further 2%. Assets under management experienced strong growth of 7%.

O1 2011 compared with O1 2010

- Q1 2011 operating profit of £80 million was 29% higher than Q1 2010 as a result of strong income growth reflecting continued increases in client assets and liabilities managed by the division.
- · Income increased by 10%, driven by a 17% increase in net interest income. Strong growth in lending margins and lending volumes was supported by increased deposit balances.
- Expenses grew by 4% reflecting additional strategic investment offset by phasing of bonus expense.
- · Client assets and liabilities managed by the division increased by 7%. This reflects the success of attracting new customer deposits and sustained lending growth within the UK. There was continued recovery in assets under management as underlying balances grew 3% despite the impact of client losses in the international businesses, resulting from the private banker attrition previously experienced.

Global Transaction Services

	Quarter ended 31		
	31 March 2011 £m	December 2010 £m	31 March 2010 £m
Income statement	260	262	217
Net interest income	260	263	217
Non-interest income	282	375	390
Total income	542	638	607
Direct expenses			
- staff	(96)	(105)	(104)
- other	(29)	(51)	(33)
Indirect expenses	(210)	(212)	(237)
	(335)	(368)	(374)
Impairment losses	(20)	(3)	-
Operating profit	187	267	233
Analysis of income by product			
Domestic cash management	212	207	194
International cash management	211	223	185
Trade finance	73	81	71
Merchant acquiring	3	80	115
Commercial cards	43	47	42
Total income	542	638	607
Key metrics			
	(Quarter ende	d
		31	
	31 March 2011	December 2010	31 March 2010
Performance ratios	20.00	40.70	25.00
Return on equity (1)	30.8%	42.7%	35.8%
Net interest margin	5.91%	6.14%	8.08%
Cost:income ratio	62%	58%	62%

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		31			
	31 March	December		31 March	
	2011	2010		2010	
	£bn	£bn	Change	£bn	Change
Capital and balance sheet					
Total third party assets	27.1	25.2	8%	25.6	6%
Loans and advances	17.2	14.4	19%	14.3	20%
Customer deposits	69.3	69.9	(1%)	64.6	7%
Risk elements in lending	0.2	0.1	100%	0.2	-
Loan:deposit ratio (excluding					
repos)	25%	21%	400bp	22%	300bp
Risk-weighted assets	18.2	18.3	(1%)	20.4	(11%)

Note:

(1) Divisional return on equity is based on divisional operating profit after tax divided by average notional equity (based on 9% of the monthly average of divisional RWAs, adjusted for capital deductions).

Global Transaction Services (continued)

Key points

Global Transaction Services (GTS) delivered a strong deposit-gathering performance over the past year and, with the reinforcement of the management of the business in January, the division is poised to take further advantage of its strong position as a liquidity manager and provider of working capital solutions to its customers.

During the first quarter success was achieved with innovative supply chain finance services, among other product developments, and GTS has continued its support of UK exporters in growing their businesses in new markets.

Q1 2011 compared with Q4 2010

- Operating profit fell 30%, in part reflecting the sale of GMS, which completed on 30 November 2010. Adjusting for the disposal (£30 million), operating profit decreased 21% significantly driven by a specific impairment provision recognised in Q1 2011.
- Excluding GMS (£80 million), income was 3% lower as a result of volume and pricing pressure in the International Cash Management and Trade businesses.
- Expenses, excluding GMS (£50 million), increased by 5%, driven by higher technology and support infrastructure costs, partly offset by tight cost control of discretionary expenditure.
- Q1 2011 impairment losses of £20 million included a single large provision.
- Third party assets increased by £1.9 billion due to an increase in UK Domestic Cash Management lending. This affected the loan to deposit ratio, which increased by 400 basis points to 25%.
- For the two months in Q4 2010 before completion of the disposal, GMS recorded income of £80 million, expenses of £50 million and an operating profit of £30 million. Q1 2011 includes £3 million of income from the ongoing investment that GTS holds in WorldPay.

Q1 2011 compared with Q1 2010

- Operating profit decreased 20%, primarily reflecting the sale of GMS which completed on 30 November 2010. Adjusting for the disposal (£54 million), operating profit increased 5%.
- Excluding GMS (£115 million), income was 10% higher, with a strong increase in income from Domestic and International Cash Management products driven by growth in interest-bearing balances.
- · Customer deposits increased by 7% to £69.3 billion as a result of higher international cash management balances reflecting further strengthening of deposit gathering initiatives.

- Third party assets, excluding GMS (£1.4 billion), increased by £2.9 billion, driven by an increase in trade finance balances and the impact of Yen clearing activities brought in-house during 2010. The loan to deposit ratio increased by 300 basis points to 25%.
- During Q1 2010, GMS recorded income of £115 million, total expenses of £61 million and an operating profit of £54 million.

Ulster Bank

	Ç	Quarter ende	d
	31 March 2011 £m	December 2010 £m	31 March 2010 £m
	£III	٤١١١	£III
Income statement Net interest income	169	187	188
Net fees and commissions Other non-interest income	36 15	40 16	35 18
Non-interest income	51	56	53
Total income	220	243	241
Direct expenses - staff - other Indirect expenses	(56) (18) (62)	(17) (64)	(66) (19) (75)
Impairment losses	(136) (461)		(218)
Operating loss	(377)	(271)	(137)
Analysis of income by business Corporate Retail	113 113	122 124	145 112
Other Total income	(6) 220	(3) 243	(16) 241
Analysis of impairments by sector Mortgages Corporate	233	159	33
- property - other corporate Other lending	97 120 11	69 135 13	82 91 12
Total impairment losses	461	376	218

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Loan impairment charge as % of gross customer loans and advances (excluding reverse repurchase agreements) by sector			
Mortgages	4.3%	3.0%	0.8%
Corporate			
- property	7.2%	5.1%	3.3%
- other corporate	5.5%	6.0%	3.5%
Other lending	2.8%	4.0%	2.0%
Total	5.0%	4.1%	2.3%

Ulster Bank (continued)

Key metrics			0	urantan an d	ad
			Q	uarter end 3	
			31 March	_	r 31 March
			2011	2010	
			2011	2010	2010
Performance ratios					
Return on equity (1)			(41.9%)	(29.8%	(14.9%)
Net interest margin			1.72%	1.77%	
Cost:income ratio			62%	57%	66%
		31			
		December	3	31 March	
	2011	2010		2010	
	£bn	£bn	Change	£bn	Change
Capital and balance sheet					
Loans and advances to					
customers (gross)	21 -	21.2	4.44	464	2.1~
- mortgages	21.5	21.2	1%	16.1	34%
- corporate	5.4	5.4		0.0	(4501)
- property	5.4	5.4	(201)	9.9	(45%)
- other corporate	8.8	9.0	(2%)	10.4	(15%)
- other lending	1.5	1.3	15%	2.4	(38%)
	37.2	36.9	1%	38.8	(4%)
Customer deposits	23.8	23.1	3%	23.7	-
Risk elements in lending					
- mortgages	1.8	1.5	20%	0.7	157%
- corporate					
- property	1.0	0.7	43%	1.0	-
- other corporate	1.6	1.2	33%	1.1	45%
- other lending	0.2	0.2	-	0.2	-
	4.6	3.6	28%	3.0	53%
Loan:deposit ratio (excluding					
repos)	147%	152%	(500bp)	159%	(1200bp)
Risk-weighted assets	31.7	31.6	-	32.8	(3%)
Spot exchange rate - €/£	1.131	1.160		1.122	

Note:

⁽¹⁾ Divisional return on equity is based on divisional operating loss after tax divided by average notional equity (based on 9% of the monthly average of divisional RWAs, adjusted for capital deductions).

Key points

Ulster Bank's results for Q1 2011 continue to be overshadowed by the challenging economic climate in Ireland, with impairments remaining elevated. Key priorities are the further development of Ulster Bank's deposit-gathering franchise combined with cost control. Nonetheless, the early restructuring measures undertaken by Ulster Bank have left it in position to capitalise on those growth opportunities that are starting to emerge in the significantly more consolidated Irish banking market, particularly in export-oriented sectors.

Q1 2011 compared with Q4 2010

- Operating loss for the quarter was £377 million, a deterioration of £106 million compared with the previous quarter. The key driver was an increase in impairment losses of £85 million.
- Net interest income declined by 10% (9% in constant currency terms). Higher funding costs in both the wholesale and deposit markets more than offset actions to improve lending margins. Non-interest income fell 9% (11% in constant currency terms), partially reflecting the loss of income from the Merchant Services business, disposed of in Q4 2010.

Ulster Bank (continued)

Key points (continued)

Q1 2011 compared with Q4 2010 (continued)

- Direct costs remained relatively flat, reflecting continued tight expense management.
- · Impairment losses were £461 million, an increase of 23% (22% on a constant currency basis), driven by the continued deterioration in retail mortgage credit metrics. Higher levels of default were also recorded in the Corporate Investment and SME portfolio. The credit quality of customers has continued to decline in line with market trends.
- Deposits remained resilient in the period, up 3% (1% at constant exchange rates), with continued steady growth in both retail and business banking deposits.
- · Loans to customers increased by 1% (down 1% at constant exchange rates) as repayments continued to exceed demand for new lending, off set by movements in exchange rates.

Q1 2011 compared with Q1 2010

- · Income fell over the period reflecting the impact of higher funding costs and the continued high cost of deposit raising.
- Expenses decreased by 15%, driven by the impact of the restructuring programme initiated in late 2009 and the continued focus on cost management.
- · Impairments rose by 111% (119% on a constant currency basis), reflecting the significant deterioration in customer credit quality combined with asset price deflation over the period.
- Loans and advances to customers reduced by 4% reflecting the impact of muted new business demand and continued customer deleveraging.
- · Customer deposits have increased slightly over the period with strong growth in current and savings accounts offset by lower wholesale balances.

US Retail & Commercial (£ Sterling)

	Ç	Quarter ended 31		
	31 March 2011	December 2010	31 March 2010	
	£m	£m	£m	
Income statement				
Net interest income	451	467	468	
Net fees and commissions	170	169	177	
Other non-interest income	73	62	75	
Non-interest income	243	231	252	
Total income	694	698	720	
Direct expenses				
- staff	(197)	(204)	(215)	
- other	(124)	(124)	(134)	
Indirect expenses	(183)	(201)	(188)	
	(504)	(529)	(537)	
Impairment losses	(110)	(105)	(143)	
Operating profit	80	64	40	
Average exchange rate - US\$/£	1.601	1.581	1.560	
Analysis of income by product				
Mortgages and home equity	109	128	115	
Personal lending and cards	107	113	114	
Retail deposits	216	206	226	
Commercial lending	137	141	142	
Commercial deposits	69	75	81	
Other	56	35	42	
Total income	694	698	720	
Analysis of impairments by sector				
Residential mortgages	6	3	19	
Home equity	40	26	6	
Corporate and commercial	17	54	49	
Other consumer	20	6	56	

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Securities	27	16	13
Total impairment losses	110	105	143
Loan impairment charge as % of gross customer loans and advances (excluding reverse repurchase agreements) by sector			
Residential mortgages	0.4%	0.2%	1.1%
Home equity	1.1%	0.7%	0.1%
Corporate and commercial	0.3%	1.1%	1.0%
Other consumer	1.3%	0.3%	2.8%
Total	0.7%	0.7%	1.0%

US Retail & Commercial (£ Sterling) (continued)

Key metrics			
	Quarter ended		
	31		
	31 March	December	31 March
	2011	2010	2010
Performance ratios			
Return on equity (1)	4.4%	3.3%	1.9%
Net interest margin	3.01%	3.00%	2.72%
Cost:income ratio	72%	76%	74%

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		31			
	31 March	December		31 March	
	2011	2010		2010	
	£bn	£bn	Change	£bn	Change
Capital and balance sheet					
Total third party assets	70.6	71.2	(1%)	78.9	(11%)
Loans and advances to					
customers (gross)					
- residential mortgages	5.6	6.1	(8%)	6.7	(16%)
- home equity	14.7	15.2	(3%)	16.2	(9%)
- corporate and commercial	20.2	20.4	(1%)	20.5	(1%)
- other consumer	6.4	6.9	(7%)	8.0	(20%)
	46.9	48.6	(3%)	51.4	(9%)
Customer deposits (excluding					
repos)	56.7	58.7	(3%)	62.5	(9%)
Risk elements in lending					
- retail	0.5	0.4	25%	0.4	25%
- commercial	0.5	0.5	-	0.3	67%
	1.0	0.9	11%	0.7	43%
Loan:deposit ratio (excluding					
repos)	81%	81%	-	81%	-
Risk-weighted assets	53.6	57.0	(6%)	63.8	(16%)
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Spot exchange rate - US\$/£	1.605	1.552		1.517	

Note:

(1) Divisional return on equity is based on divisional operating profit after tax divided by average notional equity (based on 9% of the monthly average of divisional RWAs, adjusted for capital deductions).

Key points

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Sterling strengthened relative to the US dollar during the first quarter, with the average exchange rate increasing by 1% compared with Q4 2010.

• Performance is described in full in the US dollar-based financial statements set out on pages 38 and 39.

US Retail & Commercial (US Dollar)

	Quarter ended 31		
	31 March 2011 \$m	December 2010 \$m	31 March 2010 \$m
Income statement Net interest income	723	739	730
Net fees and commissions Other non-interest income	273 116	267 100	276 116
Non-interest income	389	367	392
Total income	1,112	1,106	1,122
Direct expenses - staff - other Indirect expenses	(315) (198) (293) (806)	(197)	(207) (293)
Impairment losses	(177)	(168)	(224)
Operating profit	129	102	63
Analysis of income by product Mortgages and home equity Personal lending and cards Retail deposits Commercial lending Commercial deposits Other	175 171 346 219 110 91	201 179 329 223 119 55	180 178 351 222 126 65
Total income	1,112	1,106	1,122
Analysis of impairments by sector Residential mortgages Home equity Corporate and commercial Other consumer Securities	9 64 28 33 43	5 40 87 11 25	30 10 77 87 20

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Total impairment losses	177	168	224
Loan impairment charge as % of gross customer loans and advances			
(excluding reverse repurchase agreements) by sector Residential mortgages	0.4%	0.2%	1.2%
Home equity	1.1%	0.7%	0.2%
Corporate and commercial	0.3%	1.1%	1.0%
Other consumer	1.3%	0.4%	2.9%
Total	0.7%	0.8%	1.1%

US Retail & Commercial (US Dollar) (continued)

Key metrics					
			Quarter ended		
				31	
				December	
			2011	2010	2010
Performance ratios					
Return on equity (1)			4.4%	3.3%	1.9%
Net interest margin			3.01%	3.00%	2.72%
Cost:income ratio			72%	76%	74%
		31			
	31 March	December		31 March	
	2011	2010		2010	
	\$bn	\$bn	Change	\$bn	Change
Capital and balance sheet	110.0	110.5	207	110.6	(F.64)
Total third party assets	113.2	110.5	2%	119.6	(5%)
Loans and advances to					
customers (gross)	9.1	9.4	(201)	10.1	(1007)
- residential mortgages	23.6	23.6	(3%)	10.1 24.6	(10%)
- home equity	32.2	31.7	2%	31.1	(4%) 4%
corporate and commercialother consumer	10.3	10.6	(3%)	12.1	
- other consumer	75.2	75.3	(3%)	77.9	(15%) (3%)
Customer deposits (excluding	13.2	13.3	-	11.9	(3%)
repos)	91.0	91.2	_	94.8	(4%)
Risk elements in lending	71.0	71.2		74.0	(470)
- retail	0.8	0.7	14%	0.6	33%
- commercial	0.8	0.7	14%	0.5	60%
	1.6	1.4	14%	1.1	45%
Loan:deposit ratio (excluding	2.0				/-
repos)	81%	81%	-	81%	-
Risk-weighted assets	86.0	88.4	(3%)	96.8	(11%)

Note:

(1) Divisional return on equity is based on divisional operating profit after tax divided by average notional equity (based on 9% of monthly average of divisional RWAs, adjusted for capital deductions).

Key points

Despite operating in a challenging market and regulatory environment, US Retail & Commercial's "back-to-basics" strategy has made good progress in developing the division's customer franchise.

US Retail & Commercial has taken a market leading role in providing transparency around overdraft fees, communicating to its customers what new regulations mean and how they will affect their banking. In February, Citizens received external recognition for superior customer experience.

Citizens has continued to expand its branch network selectively and increased ATM distribution through partnerships, enhancing convenience for its customers. It has also invested in innovative technology channels such as mobile banking through an iPhone and iPad application. Citizens' active online banking penetration of households - a key driver of retention - continues to grow and remains superior to peers.

Consumer Finance has continued to strengthen its alignment with branch banking, further increasing the penetration of products to deposit households, particularly branch-based credit cards. The Commercial Banking business has achieved good momentum, expanding specialised lines of business such as franchise and health care lending, and expanding its cross-sales of capital markets and Global Transaction Services (GTS) products.

US Retail & Commercial (US Dollar) (continued)

Key points (continued)

Q1 2011 compared with Q4 2010

- US Retail & Commercial posted an operating profit of £80 million (\$129 million) compared with £64 million (\$102 million) in the prior quarter. The Q1 2011 operating environment remained challenging, marked by low absolute interest rates, high but stable unemployment, a soft housing market and the impact of legislative changes.
- Net interest income was down 3%. Product net interest income was up slightly from the previous quarter and net interest margin increased by 1 basis point. Loans and advances were flat, with continued run-off of fixed rate consumer products offset by commercial loan growth.
- Non-interest income was up 5% driven by higher securities gains partially offset by lower mortgage banking income.
- Total expenses were 5% lower than Q4 2010, which included a number of specific items such as higher litigation costs.
- · Impairment losses were up 5% reflecting higher impairments related to securities, partially offset by improving credit conditions across the portfolio. Excluding the impact of the securities impairments, credit costs generally remained stable or improved across the entire portfolio.

Q1 2011 compared with Q1 2010

- Operating profit increased to £80 million (\$129 million) from £40 million (\$63 million), as impairments fell and expenses were reduced.
- Net interest income was down 4%, as a result of a smaller balance sheet. Net interest margin improved by 29 basis points to 3.01% reflecting changes in deposit mix and continued discipline around deposit pricing, combined with the positive impact of the balance sheet restructuring programme carried out during Q3 2010.
- · Customer deposits were down 4% reflecting the impact of a changed pricing strategy on low margin term and time products partially offset by strong checking balance growth. Consumer checking balances grew by 7% while small business checking balances grew by 9%.
- Non-interest income was in line with Q1 2010 reflecting lower deposit fees which were impacted by Regulation E legislative changes offset by higher gains on sales of securities. Regulation E prohibits financial institutions from charging consumers fees for paying overdrafts on automated teller machine (ATM) and one-off debit card transactions, unless a consumer consents, or opts in, to the overdraft service for those types of transactions.

- Total expenses were down 6% primarily reflecting a change in accrual methodology relating to the annual incentive plan and lower Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) deposit insurance levies.
- · Impairment losses declined by 23% reflecting a gradual improvement in the underlying credit environment partially offset by higher impairments related to securities. Loan impairments as a percentage of loans and advances have declined to 0.7% from 1.0%.

Global Banking & Markets

	Quarter ended 31		
	31 March 2011	December 2010	31 March 2010
	£m	£m	£m
Income statement			
Net interest income from banking activities	190	225	382
Funding costs of rental assets	(10)	(11)	(9)
Net interest income	180	214	373
Net fees and commissions receivable	338	381	286
Income from trading activities	1,558	1,285	2,013
Other operating income	304	(293)	152
Non-interest income	2,200	1,373	2,451
Total income	2,380	1,587	2,824
Direct expenses			
- staff	(863)	(554)	(887)
- other	(216)	(292)	(184)
Indirect expenses	(227)	(219)	(223)
	(1,306)	(1,065)	(1,294)
Impairment losses	24	5	(32)
Operating profit	1,098	527	1,498
Analysis of income by product			
Rates - money markets	(74)	(65)	88
Rates - flow	733	413	699
Currencies & commodities	224	178	295
Credit and mortgage markets	885	433	959
Portfolio management and origination	337	445	469
Equities	275	183	314
Total income	2,380	1,587	2,824
Analysis of impairments by sector			
Manufacturing and infrastructure	32	2	(7)
Property and construction	6	10	8
Banks and financial institutions	(23)	54	16

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Other	(39)	(71)	15
Total impairment losses	(24)	(5)	32
Loan impairment charge as % of gross customer loans and advances (excluding reverse repurchase agreements)	(0.1%)	_	0.1%

Global Banking & Markets (continued)

Key metrics					
		Quarter ended			
			21 Manah	31	
			2011	December 2010	2010
			2011	2010	2010
Performance ratios					
Return on equity (1)			20.8%	10.2%	30.5%
Net interest margin			0.76%	0.93%	1.13%
Cost:income ratio			55%	67%	46%
Compensation ratio (2)			36%	35%	31%
		2.4			
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		December		31 March	
	2011 £bn	2010 £bn	Changa	2010 £bn	Changa
	LOII	±011	Change	LUII	Change
Capital and balance sheet					
Loans and advances to					
customers	70.1	75.1	(7%)	91.5	(23%)
Loans and advances to banks	46.2	44.5	4%	42.0	10%
Reverse repos	105.1	94.8	11%	93.1	13%
Securities	132.2	119.2	11%	116.6	13%
Cash and eligible bills	33.9	38.8	(13%)	61.9	(45%)
Other	35.8	24.3	47%	38.6	(7%)
Total third party assets					
(excluding derivatives					
mark-to-market)	423.3	396.7	7%	443.7	(5%)
Net derivative assets (after					
netting)	34.5	37.4	(8%)	66.9	(48%)
Customer deposits (excluding	26.6	20.0	(661)	47.0	(226)
repos)	36.6	38.9	(6%)	47.0	(22%)

Notes:

repos)

Risk elements in lending

Risk-weighted assets

Loan:deposit ratio (excluding

(1) Divisional return on equity is based on divisional operating profit after tax divided by average notional equity (based on 10% of the monthly average of divisional RWAs, adjusted for capital deductions).

1.8

191%

146.5

1.7

193%

146.9

6%

(200bp)

(2) Compensation ratio is based on staff costs as a percentage of total income.

50%

(400bp)

3%

1.2

195%

141.8

Key points

Q1 2011 witnessed a strong rebound in investor activity, compared with the prior quarter, which benefited GBM's credit and mortgage franchises. This rebound lessened over the course of the quarter with the re-emergence of sovereign debt concerns and global economic uncertainty compounded by events in the Middle East and Japan. Specific exposure to these regions is limited, but these events had a dampening effect on overall client activity in the quarter.

Nevertheless, GBM continued to deliver on its strategic plan, focusing on its chosen client franchises and achieving its targeted return and efficiency metrics while investing for the future.

Global Banking & Markets (continued)

Key points (continued)

Q1 2011 compared with Q4 2010

- · Operating profit increased to £1,098 million with strong growth in income.
- Revenue increased 50% on a slow Q4 2010, although investor confidence remained fragile:

The underlying Money Markets business was profitable but, as in Q4 2010, this was more than offset by the cost of the division's funding activities.

Rates Flow and Currencies benefited from a rebound in market opportunities early in the quarter.

Credit and Mortgage Markets were well positioned to take advantage of higher activity driven by increased client risk appetite coupled with limited issuance.

The underlying Portfolio Management and Origination business remained broadly flat; the decline in revenue was driven by movements in market derivative values.

Equities had a solid quarter and improved sharply in comparison to a quiet Q4 2010.

- The fall in net interest margin from 0.93% to 0.76% reflected a lengthening of the GBM funding profile and continuing margin compression on the portfolio as markets normalised and loans were booked or refinanced at finer margins.
- Total costs increased £241 million in the quarter, primarily reflecting higher performance-related pay driven by the increase in revenue. This was partially offset by lower non-staff costs.
- Impairments generated a net gain of £24 million in Q1 2011 as a small number of specific impairments were offset by a release of latent loss provision.
- Third party assets increased by £27 billion from a seasonally low Q4 2010 level, but remained comfortably within the targeted range of £400 £450 billion.
- Risk-weighted assets remained flat, reflecting continued focus on the balance sheet and a prudent approach to risk management.
- Return on equity of 20.8% was driven by the improved revenue performance on unchanged risk-weighted assets.

Q1 2011 compared with Q1 2010

· Operating profit declined by 27% driven by a fall in revenue.

- Although Q1 2011 began strongly, activity across all business lines was more restrained than Q1 2010 which benefitted from more buoyant client demand.
- Total costs remained flat, with lower staff costs but an increase in non-staff costs, primarily driven by increased depreciation charges reflecting previous strategic investment.
- · Q1 impairments were minimal in both periods.

RBS Insurance

	Quarter ended 31			
	31 March 2011 £m	December 2010*	31 March 2010* £m	
	LIII	LIII	LIII	
Income statement				
Earned premiums	1,065	1,100	1,130	
Reinsurers' share	(54)	(40)	(34)	
Net premium income	1,011	1,060	1,096	
Fees and commissions	(75)	(133)	(90)	
Other income	134	185	131	
Total income	1,070	1,112	1,137	
Direct expenses:				
- staff	(76)	(72)	(70)	
- other	(87)			
Indirect expenses	(56)			
	(219)	(223)	(221)	
Net claims	(784)	(898)	(966)	
Impairment losses	-	-	-	
Operating profit/(loss)	67	(9)	(50)	
Analysis of income by product				
Personal lines motor excluding broker				
- own brands	468	504	489	
- partnerships	80	100	92	
Personal lines home excluding broker				
- own brands	121	123	121	
- partnerships	102	104	106	
Personal lines other excluding broker	47	£1	50	
- own brands	47 48	51 5	52 50	
- partnerships Other	40	3	59	
- commercial	81	83	85	
- international	87	90	85	
- other (1)	36	52	48	
Total income	1,070	1,112	1,137	

* Revised to reflect reclassifications between certain income statement captions. The operating loss is unchanged.

RBS Insurance (continued)

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	Quarter ended 31			
	31 March	December	31 March	
	2011	2010	2010	
In-force policies (000's)				
Personal lines motor excluding broker				
- own brands	4,071	4,162	4,623	
- partnerships	559	645	797	
Personal lines home excluding broker				
- own brands	1,738	1,758	1,755	
- partnerships	1,836	1,850	1,896	
Personal lines other excluding broker				
- own brands	2,009	2,005	2,346	
- partnerships	8,574	8,177	7,350	
Other				
- commercial	383	352*	264	
- international	1,234	1,082	1,014	
- other (1)	418	644	1,108	
Total in-force policies (2)	20,822	20,675*	21,153	
Gross written premium (£m)	1,037	988	1,090	
Performance ratios				
Return on equity (3)	7.0%	(0.9%)	(5.6%)	
Loss ratio (4)	77%	85%	88%	
Commission ratio (5)	8%	15%	9%	
Expense ratio (6)	21%	19%	18%	
Combined operating ratio (7)	106%	119%	116%	
Balance sheet				
General insurance reserves - total (£m)	7,541	7,559	7,101	

^{*}Revised

Notes:

- (1) Other is predominantly made up of the discontinued personal lines broker business.
- (2) Total in-force policies include travel and creditor policies sold through RBS Group. These comprise travel policies included in bank accounts e.g. Royalties Gold Account, and creditor policies sold with bank products including mortgage, loan and card repayment payment protection.
- (3) Divisional return on equity is based on divisional operating profit/(loss) after tax, divided by divisional average notional equity (based on regulatory capital).
- (4) Loss ratio is based on net claims divided by net premium income for the UK businesses.

- (5) Commission ratio is based on fees and commissions divided by gross written premium for the UK businesses.
- (6) Expense ratio is based on expenses (excluding fees and commissions) divided by gross written premium for the UK businesses.
- (7) Combined operating ratio is expenses (including fees and commissions) divided by gross written premium added to the loss ratio, for the UK businesses.

Key points

RBS Insurance returned to profit in the first quarter of 2011 with an operating profit of £67 million. RBS Insurance continues on a significant programme of investment designed to achieve a substantial improvement in operational and financial performance, ahead of the planned divestment of the business, with a current target date of the second half of 2012. New pricing models and business selection criteria have been the main drivers of the turnaround, coupled with early benefits from new claims processes.

RBS Insurance (continued)

Key points (continued)

While overall motor volumes have been deliberately reduced over recent months, new business continues to be grown in selected areas. In March 2011, negotiations started with Sainsbury's Finance with the intention of forming a long-term strategic partnership for the supply of car insurance under the Sainsbury's brand. RBS Insurance also entered the premium insurance market with the launch of Select Insurance from Direct Line.

Initiatives to grow ancillary income, implemented during 2010, continued to deliver into 2011.

Claims and underwriting profit showed strong improvement due to pricing methodology and underwriting selection which resulted in lower claims in the personal and commercial motor business. Overall prior year reserve impact was broadly neutral with a modest release from 2010 accident year motor reserves, which compensated for some adverse development in reserves for the end-December 2010 severe weather event.

Overall underwriting profit at £222 million was substantially better than recent quarters and the highest quarterly figure since Q2 2009.

The actions being taken to improve claims processes and operating efficiency, together with continued focus on pricing and underwriting, are intended to achieve major increases to profitability in future periods.

In the home business, gross written premiums and total income were stable compared with Q4 2010 and Q1 2010.

The International business continued to grow in Q1 2011 with gross written premium for the quarter up 28% on the same quarter in 2010. The Italian business performed strongly due largely to the Fiat partnership and the German business also increased gross written premium by 4% against Q1 2010 in a flat market.

Q1 2011 compared with Q4 2010

- There was a return to profitability with an operating profit of £67 million in Q1 2011, compared with a Q4 2010 operating loss of £9 million, driven by lower claims.
- · Claims fell by £114 million, 13%, largely because there was no repeat of December 2010's severe weather.
- The total number of in-force policies increased marginally due to new travel policy business from the Nationwide Building Society partnership.

Q1 2011 compared with Q1 2010

- The operating profit of £67 million for Q1 2011 was a significant improvement from the loss of £50 million in Q1 2010. A £67 million decrease in income was more than offset by a £182 million reduction in claims.
- Net claims were 19% lower reflecting the de-risking of the portfolio and improved performance in motor.

RBS Insurance (continued)

Key points (continued)

Q1 2011 compared with Q1 2010 (continued)

- Total income was down 6% compared with Q1 2010, driven by the managed reduction in the risk of the UK motor book throughout 2010 and into 2011 and the exit of the motor broker business. The fall in in-force policies was partially offset by significant premium increases, in line with industry trends. Average motor premiums for RBS Insurance were up 9% in Q1 2011 compared with Q1 2010.
- Total expenses of £219 million were broadly stable. However, as RBS Insurance prepares to reshape for divestment, certain functions and capability (including systems development) are being developed to replace services provided by RBS Group. This results in a switch from indirect expenses to staff and other direct expenses.

Central items

	Quarter ended		
	31		
	31 March December 31 Ma		
	2011	2010	2010
	£m	£m	£m
Central items not allocated	(43)	115	337
Operating profit/(loss)	(43)	115	337

Note:

(1) Costs/charges are denoted by brackets.

Funding and operating costs have been allocated to operating divisions based on direct service usage, the requirement for market funding and other appropriate drivers where services span more than one division.

Residual unallocated items relate to volatile corporate items that do not naturally reside within a division.

Key points

Q1 2011 compared with Q4 2010

• Central items not allocated represented a charge of £43 million versus a credit of £115 million in the previous quarter. This movement was primarily due to lower net gains and adverse IFRS volatility and other volatile Treasury items.

Q1 2011 compared with Q1 2010

Central items not allocated represented a net charge of £43 million versus a credit of £337 million in Q1 2010. This movement is primarily driven by a £170 million VAT recovery in Q1 2010 which was not repeated as well as unallocated Group Treasury items, including the impact of economic hedges that do not qualify for IFRS hedge accounting.

Non-Core

	Quarter ended 31			
	31 March 2011	December 2010	31 March 2010	
	£m	£m	£m	
Income statement Net interest income from banking activities	301	419	568	
Funding costs of rental assets	(51)		(69)	
Tunding costs of Tental assets	(31)	(01)	(0)	
Net interest income	250	358	499	
Net fees and commissions	47	164	100	
Loss from trading activities	(296)	(146)	(127)	
Insurance net premium income	138	181	168	
Other operating income				
- rental income	243	161	256	
- other (1)	104	(397)	21	
Non-interest income	236	(37)	418	
Total income	486	321	917	
Direct expenses				
- staff	(91)	(105)	(252)	
- operating lease depreciation	(87)	, ,		
- other	(69)			
Indirect expenses	(76)	(127)	(122)	
	(323)	(481)	(639)	
Insurance net claims	(128)	(245)	(133)	
Impairment losses	(1,075)	, ,	` ,	
•	(, , , , , ,	(, -)	()	
Operating loss	(1,040)	(1,616)	(1,559)	

Note:

⁽¹⁾ Includes losses on disposals (quarter ended 31 March 2011 - £35 million; quarter ended 31 December 2010 - £247 million; quarter ended 31 March 2010 - £1 million).

	Quarter ended 31			
	2011	December 2010	2010	
	£m	£m	£m	
Analysis of income by business				
Banking & portfolios	598	157	630	
International businesses & portfolios	89	84	269	
Markets	(201)	80	18	
Total income	486	321	917	
Loss from trading activities				
Monoline exposures	(130)	(57)	-	
Credit derivative product companies	(40)	. ,	(31)	
Asset-backed products (1)	66	33	(55)	
Other credit exotics	(168)		11	
Equities	1	11	(7)	
Banking book hedges	(29)	, ,	` ,	
Other (2)	4	(46)	(9)	
	(296)	(146)	(127)	
Impairment losses				
Banking & portfolios	1,058	1,258	1,579	
International businesses & portfolios	20	59	68	
Markets	(3)	(106)	57	
Total impairment losses	1,075	1,211	1,704	
Loan impairment charge as % of gross customer loans and advances				
(excluding reverse repurchase agreements) (3)				
Banking & portfolios	4.1%	4.6%	4.7%	
International businesses & portfolios	2.1%	5.2%	2.1%	
Markets	(0.1%)	(38.4%)	55.1%	
Total	4.0%	4.4%	4.6%	

Notes:

- (1) Asset-backed products include super senior asset-backed structures and other asset-backed products.
- (2) Includes profits in RBS Sempra Commodities JV (quarter ended 31 March 2011 nil; quarter ended 31 December 2010 £19 million; quarter ended 31 March 2010 -

£127 million).

(3) Includes disposal groups.

Key metrics					
			Q	uarter ended	
				31	
		31		December 3	
			2011	2010	2010
Performance ratios					
Net interest margin			0.90%	1.09%	1.27%
Cost:income ratio			66%	150%	70%
Cost.meome ratio			00 70	13070	7070
		31	l		
	31 March	December		31 March	
	2011	2010		2010	
	£bn	£bn	Change	e £bn	Change
Capital and balance sheet (1)					
Total third party assets (excluding					
derivatives)	124.8	137.9	(9%	9) 193.5	(36%)
Total third party assets (including					
derivatives)	137.1	153.9	(11%	(a) 212.6	(36%)
Loans and advances to customers					
(gross)	101.0	108.4	`	*	(28%)
Customer deposits	7.1	6.7			()
Risk elements in lending	24.0	23.4			
Risk-weighted assets (2)	128.5	153.7	(16%	(a) 164.3	(22%)

Notes:

- (1) Includes disposal groups.
- (2) Includes RBS Sempra Commodities JV (31 March 2011 Third party assets (TPAs) £3.9 billion, RWAs £2.4 billion; 31 December 2010 TPAs £6.7 billion, RWAs £4.3 billion; 31 March 2010 TPAs £14.0 billion, RWAs £11.1 billion).

		31	
	31 March	December	31 March
	2011	2010	2010
	£m	£m	£m
Gross customer loans and advances			
Banking & portfolios	98.0	104.9	132.3
International businesses & portfolios	2.9	3.5	8.8
Markets	0.1	-	0.1
	101.0	108.4	141.2

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Risk-weighted assets			
Banking & portfolios	76.5	83.5	94.3
International businesses & portfolios	5.1	5.6	10.6
Markets	46.9	64.6	59.4
	128.5	153.7	164.3

Third party assets (excluding derivatives)

	31 December	Disposals/ Drawings/					31 March
	2010	Run-off restr	ructuring ro	oll overs Imp	airments	FX	2011
	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn
Commercial real							
estate	42.6	(3.0)	(0.4)	0.2	(1.0)	0.3	38.7
Corporate	59.8	(1.9)	(2.4)	0.8	-	(0.3)	56.0
SME	3.7	(0.6)	-	-	-	-	3.1
Retail	9.0	(0.4)	-	-	(0.1)	(0.2)	8.3
Other	2.5	-	_	-	-	-	2.5
Markets	13.6	(1.1)	-	0.1	-	(0.3)	12.3
Total (excluding derivatives) Markets - RBS Sempra	131.2	(7.0)	(2.8)	1.1	(1.1)	(0.5)	120.9
Commodities JV	6.7	(0.3)	(2.3)	-	-	(0.2)	3.9
Total (1)	137.9	(7.3)	(5.1)	1.1	(1.1)	(0.7)	124.8

Quarter ended 31 December 2010

							31
	30 September		Disposals/ D	rawings/			December
	2010 F	Run-off re	structuring r	oll overs In	mpairments	FX	2010
	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn
Commercial real							
estate	46.5	(2.3)	(0.8)	0.4	(1.2)	-	42.6
Corporate	66.1	(2.0)	(4.9)	0.4	-	0.2	59.8
SME	3.9	(0.3)	-	0.1	-	-	3.7
Retail	10.3	(0.6)	(0.7)	-	(0.1)	0.1	9.0
Other	2.6	(0.1)	_	-	_	-	2.5
Markets	16.5	0.2	(3.7)	0.3	0.1	0.2	13.6
Total (excluding derivatives) Markets - RBS	145.9	(5.1)	(10.1)	1.2	(1.2)	0.5	131.2
Sempra Commodities JV	8.3	1.4	(3.0)	-	-	-	6.7
Total (1)	154.2	(3.7)	(13.1)	1.2	(1.2)	0.5	137.9

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Quarter ended 31 March 2010

	31						
	December		Disposals/	Drawings/			31 March
	2009 I	Run-off r	estructuring	roll overs	Impairments	FX	2010
	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn
Commercial real							
estate	51.3	(1.5)	-	0.2	(1.1)	0.6	49.5
Corporate	82.6	(4.6)	(1.2)	0.4	(0.4)	2.0	78.8
SME	3.9	-	-	-	-	0.1	4.0
Retail	19.9	(0.4)	(0.2)	0.1	(0.2)	0.6	19.8
Other	4.7	(1.6)	-	0.2	-	-	3.3
Markets	24.4	(1.2)	(0.3)	-	-	1.2	24.1
Total (excluding derivatives) Markets - RBS	186.8	(9.3)	(1.7)	0.9	(1.7)	4.5	179.5
Sempra Commodities JV	14.2	(1.2)	-	-	-	1.0	14.0
Total (1)	201.0	(10.5)	(1.7)	0.9	(1.7)	5.5	193.5

Note:

^{(1) £7} billion of disposals have been signed as of 31 March 2011 but are pending closing (31 December 2010 - £12 billion; 31 March 2010 - £2 billion).

	Ç	Quarter ended 31		
	31 March 2011 £m	December 2010 £m	31 March 2010 £m	
Loan impairment losses by donating division and sector				
UK Retail Mortgages	(3)	1	3	
Personal	3	2	2	
Total UK Retail	-	3	5	
UK Corporate		~	(5)	
Manufacturing and infrastructure Property and construction	13	5 103	(5) 54	
Transport	20	(20)	-	
Banks and financials	3	51	24	
Lombard	18	50	25	
Other	11	50	57	
Total UK Corporate	65	239	155	
Ulster Bank				
Mortgages	-	-	20	
Commercial real estate				
- investment	223	206	99	
- development	503	596	362	
Other corporate	107	(19)		
Other EMEA	6	6	20	
Total Ulster Bank	839	789	552	
US Retail & Commercial				
Auto and consumer	25	37	15	
Cards	(7)		14	
SBO/home equity	53	51	102	
Residential mortgages	4	(1)		
Commercial real estate	19	31	63	
Commercial and other	(3)	2	2	
Total US Retail & Commercial	91	123	208	

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Global Banking & Markets Manufacturing and infrastructure Property and construction Transport Telecoms, media and technology Banks and financials Other	(2) 105 (6) (11) 1 (8)	15 176 24 (23) 19 (163)	29 472 1 (11) 161 101
Total Global Banking & Markets	79	48	753
Other Wealth Global Transaction Services Central items	1 - -	- 7 2	28 3 -
Total Other	1	9	31
Total impairment losses	1,075	1,211	1,704

		31	
	31 March	December	31 March
	2011	2010	2010
	£bn	£bn	£bn
Gross loans and advances to customers (excluding			
reverse			
repurchase agreements) by donating division and			
sector			
LIV Datail			
UK Retail	1.6	1.6	1.8
Mortgages Personal	0.3	0.4	0.6
Personal	0.3	0.4	0.0
Total UK Retail	1.9	2.0	2.4
Total OK Retail	1.7	2.0	2,7
UK Corporate			
Manufacturing and infrastructure	0.2	0.3	0.4
Property and construction	8.0	11.4	13.2
Transport	5.1	5.4	5.8
Banks and financials	0.8	0.8	1.0
Lombard	1.5	1.7	2.7
Invoice finance	-	-	0.4
Other	7.5	7.4	9.2
Total UK Corporate	23.1	27.0	32.7
1			
Ulster Bank			
Mortgages	-	-	6.1
Commercial real estate			
- investment	3.9	4.0	2.8
- development	8.9	8.4	5.7
Other corporate	2.0	2.2	1.3
Other EMEA	0.5	0.4	1.1
Total Ulster Bank	15.3	15.0	17.0
Total Olster Bank	13.3	13.0	17.0
US Retail & Commercial			
Auto and consumer	2.4	2.6	3.2
Cards	0.1	0.1	0.2
SBO/home equity	2.9	3.2	3.7
Residential mortgages	0.7	0.7	1.2
Commercial real estate	1.4	1.5	2.0
Commercial and other	0.4	0.5	0.8

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Total US Retail & Commercial	7.9	8.6	11.1
Global Banking & Markets			
Manufacturing and infrastructure	8.9	8.7	17.2
Property and construction	19.1	19.6	23.4
Transport	4.5	5.5	6.0
Telecoms, media and technology	1.1	0.9	3.4
Banks and financials	11.1	12.0	16.1
Other	8.2	9.0	11.7
Total Global Banking & Markets	52.9	55.7	77.8
Other			
Wealth	0.4	0.4	2.4
Global Transaction Services	0.2	0.3	0.8
RBS Insurance	0.1	0.2	0.2
Central items	(1.0)	(1.0)	(4.3)
Total Other	(0.3)	(0.1)	(0.9)
Gross loans and advances to customers (excluding			
reverse repurchase			
agreements)	100.8	108.2	140.1

Key points

Non-Core continues to make good progress in balance sheet reduction and is on track to reduce funded assets to below £100 billion by the end of 2011. 24 of 30 country/whole business exits have been agreed or completed, and so far this year Non-Core has signed and/or completed over 190 portfolio asset disposals and run-off.

Momentum continues from the previous year - Non-Core has now realised £6 billion of the £12 billion of transactions signed but not completed by the end of 2010, which included assets totalling £3 billion which were returned to Core in preparation for the sale of the RBS England and Wales branch-based business to Santander.

Overall Q1 2011 saw a reduction of £13 billion in assets and Non-Core continues to develop a healthy pipeline of transactions, typically with a six to nine month execution cycle. At the end of Q1 2011 there were signed but not completed transactions totalling £7 billion, including those remaining from end 2010.

Since December 2009, headcount has fallen from 15,100 to 6,700, largely as a result of the completion of country exits.

The division is central to the strategy which will return RBS Group to standalone strength, and Non-Core continues to deliver results in what is a challenging and complex environment with significant regulatory headwinds.

As Non-Core continues to reduce, income and expenses are falling in line with expectations. Impairments remain high, driven by continued difficulties in Ireland, where high impairment charges are expected to persist. Non-Core is also still experiencing higher impairment charges in real estate. Across the remaining book impairment losses have eased as fewer cases flow into restructuring units.

Q1 2011 compared with Q4 2010

- Non-Core made further progress in its asset reduction programme, with third party assets (excluding derivatives) declining by £13 billion to £125 billion, driven by disposals of £5 billion and run-off of £7 billion which included £3 billion of assets transferred to Core in preparation for the sale of the RBS England and Wales branch-based business to Santander.
- Risk-weighted assets decreased by £25 billion driven principally by asset run-off, changes in certain asset reclassifications, and foreign exchange movements.
- · Non-Core operating loss was £1,040 million in the first quarter, compared with £1,616 million in Q4 2010. This primarily reflects:

Continued decrease in net interest income, reflecting ongoing balance sheet reduction.

Higher trading losses of £296 million, reflecting costs of portfolio de-risking and net losses, after CVA, on monoline related structures. Fair value gains arising from equity positions held in restructured assets. Lower expenses following exits from a number of countries in 2010. Impairments were lower, reflecting the improving corporate environment, but with continued high impairment levels in Ulster Bank.

Key points (continued)

Q1 2011 compared with Q1 2010

- Third party assets have declined £69 billion (36%) since Q1 2010 reflecting run-off (£30 billion) and disposals (£37 billion).
- · Risk-weighted assets were £36 billion lower, driven principally by disposals and run-offs, offset by increases from regulatory changes.
- In addition to the impact of continuing balance sheet reduction on net interest income, non-interest income was lower as a result of higher disposal losses, increased trading losses and a fall in associated income following the sale of the RBS Sempra Commodities joint venture in the second half of 2010.

Condensed consolidated income statement for the quarter ended 31 March 2011

	Quarter ended 31		
	31 March 2011 £m	December 2010 £m	31 March 2010 £m
Interest receivable Interest payable	5,401 (2,100)		•
Net interest income	3,301	3,580	3,542
Fees and commissions receivable Fees and commissions payable Income from trading activities Other operating income (excluding insurance premium income)	1,642 (260) 835	(449) 364 1,003	(572) 1,766 447
Insurance net premium income	1,149	1,272	1,289
Non-interest income	3,757	4,242	4,981
Total income	7,058	7,822	8,523
Staff costs Premises and equipment Other administrative expenses Depreciation and amortisation Write-down of goodwill and other intangible assets	(2,399) (571) (921) (424)	(709) (1,048)	(535) (1,011) (482)
Operating expenses	(4,315)	(4,507)	(4,717)
Profit before other operating charges and impairment losses Insurance net claims Impairment losses	2,743 (912) (1,947)	(1,182)	(1,136)
Operating loss before tax Tax (charge)/credit	(116) (423)		(5) (107)
Loss from continuing operations Profit from discontinued operations, net of tax	(539) 10	(5) 55	(112) 313
(Loss)/profit for the period Non-controlling interests Preference share and other dividends	(529) 1 -	50 (38)	201 (344) (105)

(Loss)/profit attributable to ordinary and B shareholders	(528)	12	(248)
Basic loss per ordinary and B share from continuing operations	(0.5p)	-	(0.2p)

Condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the quarter ended 31 March 2011

		31	
	31 March	December	31 March
	2011	2010	2010
	£m	£m	£m
(Loss)/profit for the period	(529)	50	201
Other comprehensive (loss)/income			
Available-for-sale financial assets (1)	(37)	(1,132)	415
Cash flow hedges	(227)	. , ,	(195)
Currency translation	(360)	, ,	785
Actuarial gains on defined benefit plans	-	158	-
Other comprehensive (loss)/income before tax	(624)		1,005
Tax (charge)/credit	32	393	(115)
Other comprehensive (loss)/income after tax	(592)	(900)	890
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the period	(1,121)	(850)	1,091
Total comprehensive (loss)/income recognised in the statement of			
changes in equity is attributable as follows:			
Non-controlling interests	(9)	52	325
Preference shareholders	-	-	105
Ordinary and B shareholders	(1,112)	(902)	661
	(1,121)	(850)	1,091

Note:

(1) Analysis provided on page 62.

Key point

The Q1 2011 currency translation movement represents the net charge on retranslating net investments in foreign operations and related currency hedging, following the weakening of the US dollar against sterling since the year end.

Condensed consolidated balance sheet at 31 March 2011

		31
	31 March	December
	2011	2010
	£m	£m
Assets		
Cash and balances at central banks	59,591	57,014
Net loans and advances to banks	59,304	57,911
Reverse repurchase agreements and stock borrowing	45,148	42,607
Loans and advances to banks	104,452	
Net loans and advances to customers	494,148	
Reverse repurchase agreements and stock borrowing	60,511	
Loans and advances to customers	554,659	
Debt securities	231,384	
Equity shares	22,212	
Settlement balances	23,006	
Derivatives	361,048	
Intangible assets	14,409	
Property, plant and equipment	15,846	·
Deferred tax	6,299	
Prepayments, accrued income and other assets	11,355	
Assets of disposal groups	8,992	12,484
Total assets	1,413,253	1,453,576
Liabilities		
Bank deposits	63,829	66,051
Repurchase agreements and stock lending	39,615	32,739
Deposits by banks	103,444	98,790
Customer deposits	428,474	428,599
Repurchase agreements and stock lending	90,432	82,094
Customer accounts	518,906	
Debt securities in issue	215,968	218,372
Settlement balances	21,394	10,991
Short positions	50,065	43,118
Derivatives	360,625	423,967
Accruals, deferred income and other liabilities	23,069	· ·
Retirement benefit liabilities	2,257	2,288
Deferred tax	2,094	·
Insurance liabilities	6,754	
Subordinated liabilities	26,515	
Liabilities of disposal groups	6,376	9,428
Total liabilities	1,337,467	1,376,725

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Equity Non-controlling interests Owners' equity*	1,710	1,719
Called up share capital Reserves	15,156 58,920	15,125 60,007
Total equity	75,786	76,851
Total liabilities and equity	1,413,253	1,453,576
* Owners' equity attributable to: Ordinary and B shareholders Other equity owners	69,332 4,744	70,388 4,744
	74,076	75,132

Commentary on condensed consolidated balance sheet

Total assets of £1,413.3 billion at 31 March 2011 were down £40.3 billion, 3%, compared with 31 December 2010. This principally reflects the reduction in the mark-to-market value of derivatives within Global Banking & Markets and the continuing planned disposal of Non-Core assets, offset in part by higher settlement balances as a result of increased customer activity from seasonal year-end lows.

Loans and advances to banks increased by £3.9 billion, 4%, to £104.5 billion including reverse repurchase agreements and stock borrowing ('reverse repos'), up £2.5 billion, 6%, to £45.2 billion and bank placings up £1.4 billion, 2%, to £59.3 billion.

Loans and advances to customers declined £0.6 billion to £554.7 billion. Within this, reverse repurchase agreements were up £8.0 billion, 15%, to £60.5 billion. Customer lending decreased by £8.6 billion to £494.1 billion, or £513.3 billion before impairments. This reflected planned reductions in Non-Core of £7.3 billion along with declines in Global Banking & Markets, £4.7 billion and Ulster Bank, £0.4 billion. These were partially offset by growth in Global Transaction Services, £2.7 billion, UK Retail, £1.6 billion, UK Corporate, £0.8 billion and Wealth, £0.3 billion, together with the effect of exchange rate and other movements.

Debt securities were up £13.9 billion, 6%, to £231.4 billion, driven mainly by increased holdings of government bonds within Global Banking & Markets.

Settlement asset balances rose £11.4 billion, 98%, to £23.0 billion as a result of increased customer activity from seasonal year-end lows.

Movements in the value of derivative assets, down £66.0 billion, 15%, to £361.0 billion, and liabilities, down £63.3 billion 15% to £360.6 billion, primarily reflect decreases in interest rate contracts, higher interest rates and the net effect of currency movements, with Sterling strengthening against the US dollar but weakening against the Euro.

The reduction in assets and liabilities of disposal groups primarily resulted from the completion of parts of the RBS Sempra Commodities JV business disposal.

Deposits by banks increased £4.7 billion, 5%, to £103.4 billion, with higher repurchase agreements and stock lending ('repos'), up £6.9 billion, 21%, to £39.6 billion offset by reduced inter-bank deposits, down £2.2 billion, 3%, to £63.8 billion.

Customer accounts increased £8.2 billion, 2%, to £518.9 billion. Within this, repos increased £8.3 billion, 10%, to £90.4 billion. Excluding repos, customer deposits were down £0.1 billion at £428.5 billion, reflecting decreases in Global Banking & Markets, £2.2 billion, offset by growth in Wealth, £1.1 billion, UK Corporate, £0.6 billion, Non-Core £0.4 billion and Ulster Bank £0.3 billion, together with exchange and other movements.

Settlement liability balances were up £10.4 billion, 95%, to £21.4 billion and short positions rose £6.9 billion, 16% to £50.1 billion due to increased customer activity from seasonal year-end lows.

Commentary on condensed consolidated balance sheet

Subordinated liabilities decreased by £0.5 billion, 2% to £26.5 billion. This reflected the redemption of £0.2 billion US dollar subordinated notes, together with the effect of exchange rate movements and other adjustments of £0.3 billion.

Owner's equity decreased by £1.1 billion, 1%, to £74.1 billion, driven by the £0.5 billion attributable loss for the period together with movements in foreign exchange reserve, £0.4 billion and cash flow hedging reserves, £0.2 billion.

Condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity for the quarter ended 31 March 2011

	Quarter ended		
	31 March 2011 £m	31 December 2010 £m	31 March 2010 £m
Called-up share capital At beginning of period Ordinary shares issued Preference shares redeemed Cancellation of non-voting deferred shares	15,125 31 -	15,030 121 1 (27)	14,630 401 -
At end of period	15,156	15,125	15,031
Paid-in equity At beginning and end of period	431	431	565
Share premium account At beginning of period Ordinary shares issued	23,922	23,858 64	23,523 217
At end of period	23,922	23,922	23,740
Merger reserve At beginning of period Transfer to retained earnings	13,272	13,272	25,522 (12,250)
At end of period	13,272	13,272	13,272
Available-for-sale reserve At beginning of period Unrealised gains/(losses) Realised (gains)/losses Tax	(2,037) 162 (197) 9	(1,148)	(1,755) 528 (147) (153)
At end of period	(2,063)	(2,037)	(1,527)
Cash flow hedging reserve At beginning of period Amount recognised in equity Amount transferred from equity to earnings Tax	(140) 14 (241) 53	(149)	(252) (11) 10 (19)
At end of period	(314)	(140)	(272)

Condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity for the quarter ended 31 March 2011 (continued)

	Ç	uarter ende	d
	31 March 2011 £m	December 2010 £m	31 March 2010 £m
Foreign exchange reserve			
At beginning of period	5,138	5,085	4,528
Retranslation of net assets	(429)	-	1,109
Foreign currency gains/(losses) on hedges of net assets	76	(6)	(420)
Tax	(31)		12
Recycled to profit or loss on disposal of businesses	-	25	-
At end of period	4,754	5,138	5,229
Capital redemption reserve			
At beginning of period	198	172	170
Preference shares redeemed	-	(1)	-
Cancellation of non-voting deferred shares	-	27	-
At end of period	198	198	170
Contingent capital reserve			
At beginning and end of period	(1,208)	(1,208)	(1,208)
Retained earnings			
At beginning of period	21,239	20,904	12,134
(Loss)/profit attributable to ordinary and B shareholders and other equity			
owners			
- continuing operations	(530)	12	(139)
- discontinued operations	2	-	(4)
Equity preference dividends paid	-	-	(105)
Transfer from merger reserve	-	-	12,250
Actuarial gains/(losses) recognised in retirement			
benefit schemes		158	
- gross - tax	-	(71)	-
Purchase of non-controlling interests	_	(38)	_
Shares issued under employee share schemes	(41)		(7)
Share-based payments	(11)	(2)	(1)
- gross	38	282	35
- tax	5	(6)	-
At end of period	20,713	21,239	24,164

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Own shares held			
At beginning of period	(808)	(821)	(121)
Shares disposed/(purchased)	12	11	(374)
Shares issued under employee share schemes	11	2	7
At end of period	(785)	(808)	(488)
Owners' equity at end of period	74,076	75,132	78,676

Condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity for the quarter ended 31 March 2011 (continued)

	Quarter ended			
	31 March	31 December	31 March	
	2011	2010	2010	
	£m	£m	£m	
	2111	2111	2111	
Non-controlling interests				
At beginning of period	1,719	1,780	16,895	
Currency translation adjustments and other movements	(7)	15	96	
(Loss)/profit attributable to non-controlling interests				
- continuing operations	(9)	(17)	27	
- discontinued operations	8	55	317	
Dividends paid	-	17	(2,674)	
Movements in available-for-sale securities				
- unrealised gains/(losses)	1	(2)	25	
- realised (gains)/losses	(3)	1	9	
- tax	1	-	(3)	
Movements in cash flow hedging reserves				
- amounts recognised in equity	-	(21)	(195)	
- amounts transferred from equity to earnings	-	-	1	
- tax	-	6	48	
- recycled to profit or loss on disposal of discontinued				
operations	-	15	-	
Equity raised	-	58	511	
Equity withdrawn and disposals	-	(188)	(4,693)	
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At end of period	1,710	1,719	10,364	
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Total equity at end of period	75,786	76,851	89,040	
Total comprehensive (loss)/income recognised in the				
statement of				
changes in equity is attributable as follows:				
Non-controlling interests	(9)	52	325	
Preference shareholders	-	-	105	
Ordinary and B shareholders	(1,112)	(902)	661	
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	(1,121)	(850)	1,091	

Notes

1. Basis of preparation

Having reviewed the Group's forecasts, projections and other relevant evidence, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the Group will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the results for the quarter ended 31 March 2011 have been prepared on a going concern basis.

2. Accounting policies

The annual accounts are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and interpretations issued by the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) of the IASB as adopted by the European Union (EU) (together IFRS). The Group's Financial Statements are prepared in accordance with IFRS as issued by the IASB. There have been no significant changes to the Group's principal accounting policies as set out on pages 275 to 283 of the 2010 Annual Report and Accounts.

3. Analysis of income, expenses and impairment losses

	Quarter ended 31		
	31 March 2011	December 2010	31 March 2010
	£m	£m	£m
Loans and advances to customers	4,593	4,755	4,697
Loans and advances to banks	172	167	140
Debt securities	636	690	855
Interest receivable	5,401	5,612	5,692
Customer accounts	831	926	868
Deposits by banks	259	288	297
Debt securities in issue	817	866	854
Subordinated liabilities	185	(18)	
Internal funding of trading businesses	8	(30)	(69)
Interest payable	2,100	2,032	2,150
Net interest income	3,301	3,580	3,542
Fees and commissions receivable	1,642	2,052	2,051
Fees and commissions payable			
- banking	(181)		
- insurance related	(79)	(57)	(106)
Net fees and commissions	1,382	1,603	1,479
Foreign exchange	203	217	449
Interest rate	893	(165)	954
Credit	(492)	83	(23)
Other	231	229	386
Income from trading activities	835	364	1,766
Operating lease and other rental income	322	369	343
Changes in fair value of own debt	(294)		(210)
Changes in the fair value of securities and other			
financial assets and liabilities	68	(83)	14
Changes in the fair value of investment properties	(25)		` '
Profit/(loss) on sale of securities	236	(10)	
Profit on sale of property, plant and equipment	11	29	9

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(Loss)/profit on sale of subsidiaries and associates Life business (losses)/profits Dividend income Share of profits less losses of associated entities Other income	(29) (2) 15 7 82	511 29 11 14	70 35 20 22
Other income	82	(46)	(1)
Other operating income	391	1,003	447
Non-interest income (excluding insurance net premium			
income)	2,608	2,970	3,692
Insurance net premium income	1,149	1,272	1,289
Total non-interest income	3,757	4,242	4,981
Total income	7,058	7,822	8,523

3. Analysis of income, expenses and impairment losses (continued)

	Quarter ended		
	31		
	31 March	December	31 March
	2011	2010	2010
	£m	£m	£m
Staff costs			
- wages, salaries and other staff costs	2,059	1,859	2,294
- bonus tax	11	15	54
- social security costs	192	166	194
- pension costs	137	154	147
•	2,399	2,194	2,689
Premises and equipment	571	709	535
Other	921	1,048	1,011
Administrative expenses	3,891	3,951	4,235
Write-down of goodwill and other intangible assets	_	10	-
Depreciation and amortisation	424	546	482
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Operating expenses	4,315	4,507	4,717
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General insurance	912	1,151	1,107
Bancassurance	-	31	29
Insurance net claims	912	1,182	1,136
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Loan impairment losses	1,898	2,155	2,602
Securities impairment losses	49	(14)	73
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Impairment losses	1,947	2,141	2,675
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4. Loan impairment provisions

Operating profit/(loss) is stated after charging loan impairment losses of £1,898 million (31 December 2010 - £2,155 million). The balance sheet loan impairment provisions increased in the quarter ended 31 March 2011 from £18,182 million to £19,258 million and the movements thereon were:

Qu	arter ende	d	Quarter ended			
31 N	March 201	1	31 De	31 December 2010		
Core Non-Core Total		Core N	Core Non-Core			
£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	
7,866	10,316	18,182	7,791	9,879	17,670	
-	(9)	(9)	-	(5)	(5)	
177	(177)	-	(217)	217	-	
56	95	151	147	(235)	(88)	
-	-	-	-	(3)	(3)	
(514)	(438)	(952)	(745)	(771)	(1,516)	
39	80	119	29	67	96	
852	1,046	1,898	912	1,243	2,155	
(60)	(71)	(131)	(51)	(76)	(127)	
8,416	10,842	19,258	7,866	10,316	18,182	
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Provisions at 31 March 2011 include £130 million (31 December 2010 - £127 million) in respect of loans and advances to banks.

The table above excludes impairment charges relating to securities.

5. Strategic disposals			
	(uarter ende	d
		31	
	31 March	December	31 March
	2011	2010	2010
	£m	£m	£m
(Loss)/gain on sale and provision for loss on disposal			
of investments in:			
- RBS Asset Management's investment strategies			
business	-	-	80
- Global Merchant Services	47	837	-
- Non-Core project finance assets	-	(221)	-
- Other	(70)	(114)	(27)
	(23)	502	53

6. Tax The (charge)/credit for tax differs from the tax credit computed by applying the standard UK corporation tax rate of 26.5% (2010 - 28%) as follows:

	Quarter ended			
		31		
	31 March	December	31 March	
	2011	2010	2010	
	£m	£m	£m	
Loss before tax	(116)	(8)	(5)	
Tax credit based on the standard UK corporation tax rate				
of 26.5% (2010 - 28%)	31	2	1	
Unrecognised timing differences	5	11	(52)	
Items not allowed for tax				
- losses on strategic disposals and write downs	(3)	(129)	(6)	
- other	(40)	(190)	(25)	
Non-taxable items				
- gain on sale of Global Merchant Services	12	221	-	
- gain on redemption of own debt	-	(1)	-	
- other	12	240	2	
Taxable foreign exchange movements	2	2	-	
Foreign profits taxed at other rates	(200)	(131)	(124)	
UK tax rate change - deferred tax impact	(87)	8	-	
Losses in period where no deferred tax asset recognised	(166)	(96)	(83)	
Losses brought forward and utilised	16	(8)	8	
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(5)	74	172	
Actual tax (charge)/credit	(423)	3	(107)	

The high charge in the first three months of 2011 reflects profits in high tax regimes (principally US) and losses in low tax regimes (principally Ireland), losses in overseas subsidiaries for which a deferred tax asset has not been recognised (principally Ireland and the Netherlands) and the effect of the reduction of 1% in the rate of UK Corporation Tax enacted in March 2011 on the net deferred tax balance.

The combined effect of the Irish tax losses and the 1% change in the standard rate of UK corporation tax accounts for £331 million (73%) of the difference between the actual tax charge and the tax credit derived from applying the standard UK Corporation Tax rate to the results for the period.

The Group has recognised a deferred tax asset at 31 March 2011 of £6,299 million (31 December 2010 - £6,373 million), of which £3,770 million (31 December 2010 - £3,849 million) relates to carried forward trading losses in the UK. Under UK tax legislation, these UK losses can be carried forward indefinitely to be utilised against profits arising in the future. The Group has considered the carrying value of this asset as at 31 March 2011 and concluded that it is recoverable based on future profit projections.

7. (Loss)/profit attributable to non-controlling interests

· / 1	Quarter er			
		31		
	31 March	December	31 March	
	2011	2010	2010	
	£m	£m	£m	
Trust preferred securities	_	_	10	
RBS Sempra Commodities JV	(9)	(11)	-	
ABN AMRO				
- RFS Holdings minority interest	10	49	332	
- other	-	(1)	-	
RBS Life Holdings	-	9	4	
Other	(2)	(8)	(2)	
(Loss)/profit attributable to non-controlling interests	(1)	38	344	

8. Earnings per ordinary and B share

Earnings per ordinary and B share have been calculated based on the following:

	Quarter ended			
		31		
	31 March	December 3	31 March	
	2011	2010	2010	
	£m	£m	£m	
Earnings (Loss)/profit from continuing operations attributable to ordinary and B shareholders	(530)	12	(244)	
Profit/(loss) from discontinued operations attributable to ordinary and B shareholders	2	-	(4)	
Ordinary shares in issue during the period (millions) B shares in issue during the period (millions)	56,798 51,000	56,166 51,000	56,238 51,000	
Weighted average number of ordinary and B shares in issue during the period (millions)	107,798	107,166	107,238	
Basic loss per ordinary and B share from continuing operations Fair value of own debt	(0.5p) 0.3p		(0.2p) 0.1p	

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Asset Protection Scheme credit default swap - fair value changes Amortisation of purchased intangible assets Integration and restructuring costs Strategic disposals Bonus tax	0.3p - 0.2p -	0.5p 0.1p 0.3p (0.5p)	0.3p - 0.1p - 0.1p
Adjusted earnings per ordinary and B share from continuing operations Loss from Non-Core attributable to ordinary and B shareholders	0.3p 0.3p	- 0.4p	0.4p 0.9p
Core adjusted earnings per ordinary and B share from continuing operations Core impairment losses	0.6p 0.3p	0.4p 0.3p	1.3p 0.5p
Pre-impairment Core adjusted earnings per ordinary and B share	0.9p	0.7p	1.8p
Memo: Core adjusted earnings per ordinary and B share from continuing operations assuming normalised tax rate of 26.5% (2010 - 28.0%)	1.4p	1.1p	1.5p

9. Segmental analysis

Analysis of divisional operating profit/(loss)

The following tables provide an analysis of the divisional profit/(loss) for the quarters ended 31 March 2011, 31 December 2010 and 31 March 2010, by main income statement captions.

		Non- interest income			Insurance net claims	Impairment losses	Operating profit/(loss)
Quarter ended 31 March	C	Com	C	Com	C	C	C
2011	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
UK Retail	1,076	304	1,380	(678)	-	(194)	508
UK Corporate	689	332	1,021	(423)		(105)	
Wealth	167	114	281	(196)	-	(5)	80
Global Transaction							
Services	260	282	542	(335)	-	(20)	187
Ulster Bank	169	51	220	(136)	-	(461)	(377)
US Retail & Commercial	451	243	694	(504)	-	(110)	80
Global Banking & Markets		2,200	2,380	(1,306)	-	24	1,098
RBS Insurance	88	982	1,070	(219)	(784)		67
Central items	(28)	(13)	(41)	(1)	-	(1)	(43)
Come	2.052	4 405	7 5 4 7	(2.700)	(794)	(972)	2.002
Core	3,052	4,495	7,547	(3,798)	• •		
Non-Core	250	236	486	(323)	(128)	(1,075)	(1,040)
	3,302	4,731	8,033	(4,121)	(912)	(1,947)	1,053
Reconciling Items:	,	,	,	() ,	,	() ,	,
Fair value of own debt	_	(480)	(480)	-	-	-	(480)
Asset Protection Scheme		, ,	, , ,				, ,
credit							
default swap - fair value							
changes	-	(469)	(469)	-	-	-	(469)
Amortisation of purchased							
intangible assets	-	-	-	(44)	-	-	(44)
Integration and							
restructuring costs	(2)	(4)	(6)	(139)	-	-	(145)
Strategic disposals	-	(23)	(23)	-	-	-	(23)
Bonus tax	-	-	-	(11)	-	-	(11)
RFS Holdings minority							
interest	1	2	3	-	-	-	3
Total statutory	3,301	3,757	7,058	(4,315)	(912)	(1,947)	(116)
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9. Segmental analysis (continued)

Analysis of divisional operating profit/(loss) (continued)

	Net	Non- interest	Total	Operating	Insurance	Impairment	Operating
					net claims	_	profit/(loss)
Quarter ended 31	111001110			onponsos		100000	proma (1055)
December 2010	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
UK Retail	1,088	402	1,490	(679)	(31)	(222)	558
UK Corporate	653	330	983	(431)	-	(219)	333
Wealth	160	111	271	(178)	-	(6)	87
Global Transaction							
Services	263	375	638	(368)	-	(3)	267
Ulster Bank	187	56	243	(138)	-	(376)	(271)
US Retail & Commercial	467	231	698	(529)	-	(105)	64
Global Banking &							
Markets	214	1,373	1,587	(1,065)	-	5	527
RBS Insurance	96	1,016	1,112	(223)	(898)	-	(9)
Central items	92	24	116	11	(8)	(4)	115
Core	3,220	3,918	7,138	(3,600)	(937)	(930)	1,671
Non-Core	358	(37)	321	(481)	(245)	(1,211)	(1,616)
	3,578	3,881	7,459	(4,081)	(1,182)	(2,141)	55
Reconciling Items:							
Fair value of own debt	-	582	582	-	-	-	582
Asset Protection Scheme							
credit							
default swap - fair value							
changes	-	(725)	(725)	-	-	-	(725)
Amortisation of							
purchased							
intangible assets	-	-	-	(96)	-	-	(96)
Integration and							
restructuring costs	-	-	-	(299)	-	-	(299)
Strategic disposals	-	502	502	-	-	-	502
Bonus tax	-	-	-	(15)	-	-	(15)
Write-down of goodwill							
and							
intangible assets	-	-	-	(10)	-	-	(10)
RFS Holdings minority							
interest	2	2	4	(6)	-	-	(2)

Total statutory 3,580 4,242 7,822 (4,507) (1,182) (2,141) (8)

9. Segmental analysis (continued)

Analysis of divisional operating profit/(loss) (continued)

	Net interest	Non- interest	Total	Operating	Insurance	Impairment	Operating
	income	income			net claims	_	profit/(loss)
Quarter ended 31 March							
2010	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
1111 D . 11	022	246	1.070	(500)	(20)	(207)	1.10
UK Retail	933	346	1,279	(723)			
UK Corporate	610	329	939	(435)		(186)	
Wealth Global Transaction	143	112	255	(189)	-	(4)	02
Services	217	390	607	(374)	_	_	233
Ulster Bank	188	53	241	(374) (160)		(218)	
US Retail & Commercial	468	252	720	(537)		(143)	` ′
Global Banking &	.00	-0-	,_0	(001)		(1.0)	
Markets	373	2,451	2,824	(1,294)	_	(32)	1,498
RBS Insurance	96	1,041	1,137	(221)			(50)
Central items	7	197	204	142	(8)	(1)	337
Core	3,035	5,171	8,206	(3,791)	(1,003)	(971)	2,441
Non-Core	499	418	917	(639)	(133)	(1,704)	(1,559)
5 III 7	3,534	5,589	9,123	(4,430)	(1,136)	(2,675)	882
Reconciling Items:		(1.60)	(1.60)				(160)
Fair value of own debt	-	(169)	(169)	-	-	-	(169)
Asset Protection Scheme credit							
default swap - fair value							
changes	_	(500)	(500)	_	_	_	(500)
Amortisation of		(300)	(300)				(300)
purchased							
intangible assets	_	_	_	(65)	_	_	(65)
Integration and				()			()
restructuring costs	-	-	-	(168)	-	-	(168)
Strategic disposals	-	53	53	-	-	-	53
Bonus tax	-	-	-	(54)	-	-	(54)
RFS Holdings minority							
interest	8	8	16	-	-	-	16
Total statutory	3,542	4,981	8,523	(4,717)	(1,136)	(2,675)	(5)

10. Financial instruments

Classification

The following tables analyse the Group's financial assets and liabilities in accordance with the categories of financial instruments in IAS 39: held-for-trading (HFT), designated as at fair value (DFV), available-for-sale (AFS), loans and receivables (LAR) and other financial instruments. Assets and liabilities outside the scope of IAS 39 are shown separately.

31 March 2011	HFT £m	DFV £m	AFS £m	LAR £m	Finance leases £m	Non financial assets £m	Total £m
Acceta							
Assets Cash and balances							
at central banks	_	_	_	59,591			59,591
Loans and advances				37,371			37,371
to banks							
- reverse repos	39,838	-	-	5,310			45,148
- other	26,377	6	-	32,921			59,304
Loans and advances							
to customers							
- reverse repos	49,007	-	-	11,504			60,511
- other	17,540	1,053		465,673	9,882		494,148
Debt securities	113,139		111,128	6,785			231,384
Equity shares	19,134	1,051	2,027	-			22,212
Settlement balances	-	-	-	23,006			23,006
Derivatives (1)	361,048						361,048
Intangible assets						14,409	14,409
Property, plant							
and equipment						15,846	15,846
Deferred tax						6,299	6,299
Prepayments, accrued							
income and other				1 201		0.074	44.077
assets	-	-	-	1,381		9,974	11,355
Assets of disposal						0.000	0.002
groups						8,992	8,992
	626,083	2,442	113,155	606,171	9,882	55,520	1,413,253

For the note to this table refer to page 76.

Additional analyses on loans and advances, debt securities and derivatives are included in Risk and balance sheet management.

10. Financial instruments (continued)

Classification (continued)

Classification (continued			Other financial instruments (amortised		Non financial	
	HFT	DFV	cost)		liabilities	Total
31 March 2011	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Liabilities Deposits by banks - repos - other Customer accounts - repos - other Debt securities in issue Settlement balances Short positions Derivatives (1) Accruals, deferred income and other liabilities Retirement benefit liabilities Deferred tax Insurance liabilities Subordinated liabilities Liabilities of disposal groups	24,204 25,234 59,246 13,704 9,383 50,065 360,625	- 4,933 43,681 - -	15,411 38,595 31,186 409,837 162,904 21,394	476	21,033 2,257 2,094 6,754 -	39,615 63,829 90,432 428,474 215,968 21,394 50,065 360,625 23,069 2,257 2,094 6,754 26,515
-	540.461	40.670	706 220	47.6	·	·
Total liabilities	542,461	49,678	706,338	476	38,314	1,337,467
Equity						75,786
						1,413,253

For the note to this table refer to page 76.

10. Financial instruments (continued)

Classification (continued)

					Other financial		Non	
					instruments (amortised	Financa	financial assets/	
	HFT	DFV	AFS	LAR	cost)		liabilities	Total
31 December 2010	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Assets								
Cash and balances at central banks	_	_	_	57,014				57,014
Loans and advances to				37,011				57,011
banks								
- reverse repos	38,215	-	-	4,392				42,607
- otherLoans and advances to	26,082	-	-	31,829				57,911
customers								
- reverse repos	41,110	-	-	11,402				52,512
- other	19,903	1,100		471,308		10,437		502,748
Debt securities	98,869		111,130	7,079				217,480
Equity shares Settlement balances	19,186	1,013	1,999	11,605				22,198 11,605
Derivatives (1)	427,077	_	-	11,003				427,077
Intangible assets	,,,,,,						14,448	14,448
Property, plant and								
equipment							16,543	16,543
Deferred tax							6,373	6,373
Prepayments, accrued income and other								
assets	_	_	_	1,306			11,270	12,576
Assets of disposal				,			,	,
groups							12,484	12,484
	670,442	2,515	113,129	595,935		10,437	61,118	1,453,576
Liabilities								
Deposits by banks	20.505				10 15 1			22.722
- repos	20,585	-			12,154			32,739 66,051
- otherCustomer accounts	28,216	-			37,835			00,031
- repos	53,031	_			29,063			82,094
- other	14,357	4,824			409,418			428,599

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Debt securities in issue Settlement balances Short positions Derivatives (1) Accruals, deferred	7,730 - 43,118 423,967	43,488	167,154 10,991			218,372 10,991 43,118 423,967
income and other liabilities	-	-	1,793	458	20,838	23,089
Retirement benefit						
liabilities			-		2,288	2,288
Deferred tax			-		2,142	2,142
Insurance liabilities			-		6,794	6,794
Subordinated liabilities	3	1,129	25,924			27,053
Liabilities of disposal						
groups					9,428	9,428
Total liabilities	591,004	49,441	694,332	458	41,490	1,376,725
Equity						76,851
						1,453,576

Note:

⁽¹⁾ Held for trading derivatives include hedging derivatives.

10. Financial instruments (continued)

Financial instruments carried at fair value

Refer to Note 12 Financial instruments - valuation of the 2010 Annual Report and Accounts for valuation techniques.

Certain aspects relating to the valuation of financial instruments carried at fair value are discussed below.

Valuation reserves

When valuing financial instruments in the trading book, adjustments are made to mid-market valuations to cover bid-offer spread, liquidity and credit risk.

The table below shows the valuation reserves and adjustments.

		31
	31 March	December
	2011	2010
	£m	£m
Credit valuation adjustments (CVA)		
Monoline insurers	2,178	2,443
Credit derivative product companies (CDPCs)	445	490
Other counterparties	1,629	1,714
•		
	4,252	4,647
Bid-offer, liquidity and other reserves	2,931	2,797
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	7,183	7,444

CVA represent an estimate of the adjustment to fair value that a market participant would make to incorporate the credit risk inherent in counterparty derivative exposures.

Key points

- The decrease in monoline CVA was driven by a reduction in exposure mainly due to higher prices of underlying reference instruments (see page 108).
- The CDPC CVA reduced as exposure decreased reflecting decline in relative value of senior tranches partially offset by wider credit spreads of the underlying portfolios (see page 108).
- CVA held against exposures to other counterparties decreased due to tighter credit spreads (specifically European names), changes to risk parameters and realised defaults.

Own credit

Debt S	ubordinated	Total Der	rivatives	Total
securities	liabilities	£m	£m	£m

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Cumulative own credit adjustment	in issue £m	£m			
31 March 2011	1,566	372	1,938	447	2,385
31 December 2010	2,091	325	2,416	534	2,950
Carrying values of underlying liabilities	£bn	£bn	£bn		
31 March 2011	53.1	1.1	54.2		
31 December 2010	51.2	1.1	52.3		
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10. Financial instruments (continued)

Valuation hierarchy

	31 March 2011 Level				31 December 2010 Level			
		Level 2 L	evel 3	Total		Level 2 I	evel 3	Total
Assets	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn
Loans and advances to banks								
- reverse repos	-	39.8	_	39.8	_	38.2	_	38.2
- collateral	-	25.3	_	25.3	_	25.1	_	25.1
- other	-	0.4	0.7	1.1	-	0.6	0.4	1.0
	-	65.5	0.7	66.2	-	63.9	0.4	64.3
Loans and advances to customers								
- reverse repos	-	49.0	-	49.0	-	41.1	-	41.1
- collateral	-	12.8	-	12.8	-	14.4	-	14.4
- other	-	5.3	0.5	5.8	-	6.2	0.4	6.6
	-	67.1	0.5	67.6	-	61.7	0.4	62.1
Debt securities								
- government	117.2	17.8	_	135.0	110.2	13.7	_	123.9
- MBS (1)	_	52.9	0.4	53.3	_	49.5	0.7	50.2
- CDOs (2)	-	0.9	2.4	3.3	-	1.0	2.4	3.4
- CLOs (3)	-	3.4	2.1	5.5	-	3.6	2.1	5.7
- other ABS (4)	-	3.6	1.2	4.8	-	4.0	1.4	5.4
- corporate	-	9.3	0.8	10.1	-	7.7	0.9	8.6
- banks and building								
societies	0.1	11.7	0.3	12.1	0.1	12.2	0.7	13.0
- other	-	0.5	-	0.5	-	0.2	-	0.2
	117.3	100.1	7.2	224.6	110.3	91.9	8.2	210.4
Equity shares	18.6	2.6	1.0	22.2	18.4	2.8	1.0	22.2
Derivatives								
- foreign exchange	-	73.5	0.1	73.6	-	83.2	0.1	83.3
- interest rate	0.2	257.4	1.4	259.0	1.7	308.3	1.7	311.7
 equities and commodities 	_	5.2	0.5	5.7	0.1	4.9	0.2	5.2
		3.2	0.0	5.7	0.1	1.,	0.2	٠.٢

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- credit - APS (5) - credit - other	-	20.0	0.1 2.6	0.1 22.6	-	23.2	0.6 3.1	0.6 26.3
	0.2	356.1	4.7	361.0	1.8	419.6	5.7	427.1
Total	136.1	591.4	14.1	741.6	130.5	639.9	15.7	786.1
Proportion	18.4%	79.7%	1.9%	100%	16.6%	81.4%	2.0%	100%
Of which Core Non-Core	134.9 1.2	572.6 18.8	6.5 7.6	714.0 27.6	129.4 1.1	617.6 22.3	7.2 8.5	754.2 31.9
Total	136.1	591.4	14.1	741.6	130.5	639.9	15.7	786.1

For notes to this table refer to page 80.

10. Financial instruments (continued)

Valuation hierarchy (continued)

The following table details AFS assets included in total assets on page 78.

	31 March 2011				31 December 2010			
	Level 1 I	Level 2 I	Level 3	Total	Level 1 I	Level 2 L	evel 3	Total
Assets	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn
Debt securities								
- government	51.3	7.1	-	58.4	53.0	6.4	-	59.4
- MBS (1)	-	32.8	0.2	33.0	-	31.1	0.4	31.5
- CDOs (2)	-	0.5	1.4	1.9	-	0.6	1.4	2.0
- CLOs (3)	-	3.2	1.2	4.4	-	3.5	1.5	5.0
- other ABS (4)	-	2.5	1.1	3.6	-	2.9	1.1	4.0
- corporate	-	2.0	-	2.0	-	2.0	-	2.0
- banks and building								
societies	0.1	7.7	-	7.8	0.1	7.1	-	7.2
	51.4	55.8	3.9	111.1	53.1	53.6	4.4	111.1
Equity shares	0.3	1.4	0.3	2.0	0.3	1.4	0.3	2.0
Total	51.7	57.2	4.2	113.1	53.4	55.0	4.7	113.1
Of which								
Core	51.4	51.4	0.9	103.7	52.8	49.2	1.0	103.0
Non-Core	0.3	5.8	3.3	9.4	0.6	5.8	3.7	10.1
Total	51.7	57.2	4.2	113.1	53.4	55.0	4.7	113.1

For notes to this table refer to page 80.

10. Financial instruments (continued)

Valuation hierarchy (continued)

	31 March 2011 Level 1 Level 2 Level 3			31 December 201 Total Level 1 Level 2 Level 3) Total
Liabilities	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn
Deposits by banks								
- repos	-	24.2	-	24.2	-	20.6	-	20.6
- collateral	-	23.6	-	23.6	-	26.6	-	26.6
- other	-	1.6	-	1.6	-	1.6	-	1.6
	-	49.4	-	49.4	-	48.8	-	48.8
Customer accounts								
- repos	-	59.2	-	59.2	-	53.0	-	53.0
- collateral	-	8.5	-	8.5	-	10.4	-	10.4
- other	-	10.0	0.1	10.1	-	8.7	0.1	8.8
	-	77.7	0.1	77.8	-	72.1	0.1	72.2
Debt securities in								
issue	-	50.5	2.6	53.1	-	49.0	2.2	51.2
Short positions	40.4	8.8	0.9	50.1	35.0	7.3	0.8	43.1
Derivatives								
- foreign exchange	-	78.7	0.3	79.0	0.1	89.3	_	89.4
- interest rate	0.1	249.9	0.5	250.5	0.2	298.0	1.0	299.2
- equities and		0.7	0.7	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.4	10.1
commodities - credit	-	8.7 21.4	0.7 0.3	9.4 21.7	0.1	9.6 25.0	0.4 0.3	10.1 25.3
- credit	_	21.4	0.5	21.7	_	23.0	0.3	23.3
	0.1	358.7	1.8	360.6	0.4	421.9	1.7	424.0
Subordinated								
liabilities	-	1.1	-	1.1	-	1.1	-	1.1
Total	40.5	546.2	5.4	592.1	35.4	600.2	4.8	640.4
Proportion	6.9%	92.2%	0.9%	100%	5.5%	93.7%	0.8%	100%
Of which								

Core Non-Core		536.2 10.0		581.1 11.0		586.9 13.3	3.8 1.0	626.1 14.3
Total	40.5	546.2	5.4	592.1	35.4	600.2	4.8	640.4

Notes:

- (1) Mortgage-backed securities.
- (2) Collateralised debt obligations.
- (3) Collateralised loan obligations.
- (4) Asset-backed securities.
- (5) Asset Protection Scheme.

10. Financial instruments (continued)

Valuation hierarchy (continued)

Key points

- Total assets carried at fair value decreased by £44.5 billion in the quarter to £741.6 billion, principally in derivatives (£66.1 billion) and collateral (£1.4 billion), partially offset by higher debt securities (£14.2 billion) and reverse repos (£9.5 billion).
- Total liabilities carried at fair value decreased by £48.3 billion to £592.1 billion, mainly in derivatives (£63.4 billion) and collateral (£4.9 billion) offset by higher debt securities in issue (£1.9 billion), repos (£9.8 billion) and short positions (£7.0 billion).
- Level 3 assets decreased by £1.6 billion to £14.1 billion, mainly reflecting French bank bond disposals and increased observability and liquidity in debt securities and credit derivatives. The APS derivative decreased from £550 million to £81 million primarily due to reduction in covered assets.
- Level 3 liabilities increased by £0.6 billion to £5.4 billion primarily due to refinements to structured note classifications in RBS N.V..
- The favourable and unfavourable effects of reasonably possible alternative assumptions on level 3 instruments were £1,730 million and £1,190 million respectively excluding £660 million and £400 million relating to the APS derivative. These sensitivities are calculated at sub- portfolio level and hence these aggregated figures do not reflect the correlation between some of the sensitivities.

11. Available-for-sale financial assets

During Q1 2011 gains were realised, mainly in Group Treasury (£163 million), which were offset by adverse movements relating to IFRS volatility and other volatile Treasury items.

	Quarter ended		
		31	
	31 March	December	
	2011	2010	
Available-for-sale reserve	£m	£m	
At beginning of period	(2,037)	(1,242)	
Unrealised gains/(losses)	162	(1,148)	
Realised (gains)/losses	(197)	16	
Tax	9	337	
At end of period	(2,063)	(2,037)	

The above table excludes gains attributable to non-controlling interests of £2 million (Q4 2010 - £1 million loss).

12. Contingent liabilities and commitments

	31 March 2011			31 December 2010		
	Core N	Non-Core	Total	Core Non-Core		Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Contingent liabilities						
Guarantees and assets pledged						
as	26040	2 4 7 6	20.007	20.070	2 2 4 2	21.101
collateral security	26,849	3,156		28,859	2,242	31,101
Other contingent liabilities	11,407	469	11,876	11,833	421	12,254
	-0			40.50		
	38,256	3,625	41,881	40,692	2,663	43,355
Commitments						
Undrawn formal standby						
facilities, credit						
lines and other commitments						
to lend	236,096	18,460	254,556	245,425	21,397	266,822
Other commitments	953	2,494	3,447	1,560	2,594	4,154
	237,049	20,954	258,003	246,985	23,991	270,976
Total contingent liabilities and						
commitments	275,305	24,579	299,884	287,677	26,654	314,331

Additional contingent liabilities arise in the normal course of the Group's business. It is not anticipated that any material loss will arise from these transactions.

Notes (continued)

13. Litigation and investigations developments

Except for the developments noted below, there have been no material changes to the litigation or investigations as disclosed in the Annual Results for the year ended 31 December 2010.

Personal current accounts

On 29 March 2011, the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) published its update report in relation to personal current accounts. This noted further progress in improving consumer control over the use of unarranged overdrafts. In particular, the Lending Standards Board has led on producing standards and guidance included in a revised Lending Code published on 31 March 2011. The OFT will continue to monitor the market and will consider the need for, and appropriate timing of, further update reports in light of other developments, in particular the work of the Independent Commission on Banking. The OFT intends to conduct a more comprehensive review of the market in 2012.

Independent Commission on Banking

On 16 June 2010, HM Treasury published the terms of reference for the Government's Independent Commission on Banking (ICB). The ICB is considering the structure of the United Kingdom banking sector and is looking at structural and non-structural measures to reform the banking system and to promote competition. It is mandated to formulate policy recommendations with a view to: (i) reducing systemic risk in the banking sector, exploring the risk posed by banks of different size, scale and function; (ii) mitigating moral hazard in the banking system; (iii) reducing the likelihood and impact of a bank's failure; and (iv) promoting competition in retail and investment banking with a view to ensuring that the needs of banks' customers are served efficiently and considering the extent to which large banks can gain competitive advantage from being perceived as "too big to fail".

The ICB published its Interim Report on 11 April 2011 which contains the ICB's suggestions for changes to the UK banking sector. The report is complex, and while its proposals have potential implications for the Group and many of its stakeholders, they require further clarification and elaboration if they are to be implemented. At this stage it is not possible to estimate the effect of the ICB's report and recommendations upon the Group, if any.

The ICB reports to the Cabinet Committee on Banking Reform and is required to produce a final report by the end of September 2011.

13. Litigation and investigations developments (continued)

US dollar clearing activities

In May 2010, following a criminal investigation by the United States Department of Justice (DoJ) into its dollar clearing activities, Office of Foreign Assets Control compliance procedures and other Bank Secrecy Act compliance matters, RBS NV formally entered into a Deferred Prosecution Agreement (DPA) with the DoJ resolving the investigation. The investigation was in relation to activities before the Consortium Members acquired ABN AMRO Holding N.V. (now known as RBS Holdings N.V.). The agreement was signed by RBS NV and is binding on that entity and its subsidiaries. Pursuant to the DPA, RBS NV paid a penalty of US\$500 million and agreed that it will comply with the terms of the DPA and continue to co-operate fully with any further investigations. Payment of the penalty was made from a provision established in April 2007 when an agreement in principle to settle was first announced. At the joint request of the DoJ and RBS NV, in order to allow RBS NV sufficient time to fulfil its obligations, the U.S. District Court, on 6 April 2011, extended the duration of the DPA until 31 December 2011. Upon satisfaction of the conditions of the DPA within that period, the matter will be fully resolved. Failure to comply with the terms of the DPA could result in the DoJ recommencing its investigations, the outcome of which would be uncertain and could result in public censure and fines or have an adverse effect on RBS Holdings N.V.'s operations, any of which could have a material adverse effect on its business, reputation, results of operation and financial condition.

Payment Protection Insurance (PPI)

Following unsuccessful negotiations with the industry, the Financial Services Authority (FSA) issued consultation papers on PPI complaint handling and redress in September 2009 and again in March 2010. The FSA published its final policy statement on 10 August 2010 and instructed firms to implement the measures contained in it by 1 December 2010. The new rules impose significant changes with respect to the handling of mis-selling PPI complaints. On 8 October 2010, the British Bankers' Association (BBA) filed an application for judicial review of the FSA's policy statement and of related guidance issued by the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS). The application was heard in January 2011. On 20 April 2011 the High Court issued judgment in favour of the FSA and the FOS. The BBA is considering whether to appeal the judgment. At this time, the Group is unable reliably to estimate any potential financial liability, although it could prove to be material.

LIBOR Investigation

The US Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the US Securities and Exchange Commission and the European Commission are conducting investigations into the submission of various LIBOR rates by relevant panel banks. As a panel bank in each instance, RBS Group is co-operating with these investigations and is keeping other relevant regulators informed. It is not possible to estimate with any certainty what effect these investigations and any related developments may have on the Group.

14. Other developments

Bank levy

The UK bank levy announced in the June 2010 Budget has been included in the Finance Bill 2011 published in March 2011. The levy is an annual charge based on period-end equity and liabilities. The legislation has yet to be enacted and no amounts have been accrued for the levy in the Group's Q1 2011 results. The estimated cost for 2011 is in the region of £350 million to £400 million.

Notes (continued)

14. Other developments (continued)

Proposed transfers of a substantial part of the business activities of RBS N.V. to The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (RBS plc)

On 19 April 2011, the Group announced its intention to transfer a substantial part of the business activities of RBS N.V. to RBS plc (the "Proposed Transfers"), subject, amongst other matters, to regulatory and other approvals, further tax and other analysis in respect of the assets and liabilities to be transferred and employee consultation procedures.

The Proposed Transfers will streamline the manner in which the GBM and GTS businesses of the Group interact with clients with simplified access to the GBM and GTS product suites.

It is expected that the Proposed Transfers will be implemented on a phased basis over a period ending 31 December 2013. A large part of the Proposed Transfers (including the transfers of certain securities issued by RBS N.V.) is expected to have taken place by the end of 2012.

Rating agencies

The Group and RBS plc's long term and short term ratings have remained unchanged in the quarter. On 9 March 2011, Standard & Poor's affirmed the A+ counterparty rating of RBS plc and upgraded its standalone credit profile from BBB+ to A-. The agency highlighted that they expect RBS plc's standalone credit profile to move toward the A+ counterparty rating by 2012 if continued progress is made, following the strategic plan. The counterparty rating contains 2 notches of uplift to account for the systemic importance of RBS.

Gender equality in insurance contracts

On 1 March 2011, the European Court of Justice (ECJ) upheld a ruling that insurers are no longer allowed to use gender as a rating factor across the insurance industry. This will have a significant impact on the insurance industry in calculating premiums and determining benefits. The Group is currently working through the findings, and any consequences arising will be rectified by December 2012 in line with the ruling from the ECJ. At this stage, it is not possible to estimate the impact which the ECJ's ruling may have on the Group's businesses, financial position or profitability.

15. Post balance sheet events

There have been no significant events between 31 March 2011 and the date of approval of this announcement which would require a change to or additional disclosure in the announcement.

Average balance sheet

	Quarter ended		
	31 March	31 December	
	2011	2010	
Average yields, spreads and margins of the banking business	%	%	
Gross yield on interest-earning assets of banking business	3.33	3.36	
Cost of interest-bearing liabilities of banking business	(1.61)	(1.49)	
Interest spread of banking business	1.72	1.87	
Benefit from interest-free funds	0.32	0.32	
Net interest margin of banking business	2.04	2.19	
Average interest rates			
The Group's base rate	0.50	0.50	
London inter-bank three month offered rates			
- Sterling	0.79	0.74	
- Eurodollar	0.31	0.29	
- Euro	1.04	0.96	

Average balance sheet (continued)

	31	arter ended March 2011		Quarter ended 31 December 2010			
	Average balance £m	Interest £m	Rate %	Average balance £m	Interest £m	Rate %	
	£III	žIII	70	žIII	£III	70	
Assets Loans and advances to banks Loans and advances	64,040	172	1.09	61,851	167	1.07	
to customers Debt securities	473,616 119,954	4,593 636	3.93 2.15	481,464 118,493	4,755 690	3.92 2.21	
Interest-earning assets							
banking business	657,610	5,401	3.33	661,808	5,612	3.36	
Trading business Non-interest earning	279,164			276,306			
assets	508,177			645,956			
Total assets	1,444,951			1,584,070			
Liabilities Deposits by banks Customer accounts Debt securities in	66,671 325,160	259 831	1.58 1.04	71,127 329,116	287 929	1.60 1.12	
issue Subordinated	164,278	817	2.02	177,704	866	1.93	
liabilities Internal funding of trading	24,014	185	3.13	26,598	(18)	(0.27)	
business	(52,013)	8	(0.06)	(63,213)	(30)	0.19	
Interest-bearing liabilities -							
banking business	528,110	2,100	1.61	541,332	2,034	1.49	
Trading business Non-interest-bearing liabilities	301,753			288,431			
demand depositsother liabilitiesOwners' equity	63,701 477,017 74,370			67,707 611,226 75,374			
Total liabilities and	1,444,951			1,584,070			

Owners' equity			
Notes:			

(1) Interest receivable and interest payable on trading assets and liabilities are included in income from trading activities.

Risk and balance sheet management

Balance sheet management

Capital

The Group aims to maintain an appropriate level of capital to meet its business needs and regulatory requirements as capital adequacy and risk management are closely aligned. The Group's regulatory capital resources and risk asset ratios calculated in accordance with FSA definitions are set out below.

		31
	31 March	December
	2011	2010
Risk-weighted assets (RWAs)	£bn	£bn
Credit risk	367.9	385.9
Counterparty risk	62.8	68.1
Market risk	69.5	80.0
Operational risk		