

Notes to the financial statements

23 Called up share capital and share premium account

	2009 million	2008 million	2009 £m	2008 £m
Group and Company				
Authorised share capital				
Ordinary shares of 28 ⁴ / ₇ pence each (2008: 28 ⁴ / ₇ pence)	2,450	2,450	700	700
Preference B shares of 35 pence each (2008: 35 pence)	2,100	2,100	735	735
Called up share capital				
Allotted and fully paid – ordinary shares	1,753	1,747	501	499
Share premium account				
Share premium			909	896

The movements in the called up share capital and share premium account are set out below:

	Ordinary shares million	Ordinary shares £m	Share premium £m
At 23 March 2008	1,747	499	896
Allotted in respect of share option schemes	6	2	13
At 21 March 2009	1,753	501	909
At 25 March 2007	1,734	495	857
Allotted in respect of share option schemes	13	4	39
At 22 March 2008	1,747	499	896