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COMPANIES FORM No. 169

Return by a company purchasing
its own shares

Pursuant to section 169 of the Companies Act 1985



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legibly, preferably
in black type, or
bold block letteringTo the Registrar of Companies
(Address overleaf)

For official use

Company number

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2723534

Name of company

* ASTRAZENECA PLC

* insert full name
of company**Note**This return must be
delivered to the
Registrar within a
period of 28 days
beginning with the
first date on which
shares to which it
relates were delivered
to the companyShares were purchased by the company under section 162 of the above Act as
follows:

Class of shares	ORDINARY	ORDINARY	ORDINARY
Number of shares purchased	750,000	470,000	100,000
Nominal value of each share	US\$ 0.25	US\$ 0.25	US\$ 0.25
Date(s) on which the shares were delivered to the company	26/02/01	01/03/01	05/03/01
Maximum prices paid \$ for each share	3052.53p	3079.72p	3133.21p
Minimum prices paid \$ for each share	3052.53p	3079.72p	3133.21p

§ A private company
is not required to
give this informationThe aggregate amount paid by the company for the shares
to which this return relates was:

£40,501,869.00

Stamp duty payable pursuant to section 66 of the Finance Act
1986 on the aggregate amount at 50p per £100 or part of £100

£202,510.00

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

Signed

Designation † SECRETARY

Date 09/03/01

Presentor's name address and
reference (if any):For official Use
General Section

Post room

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10/03/01