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bold block lettering* 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 company§ A private company
is not required to
give this information

COMPANIES FORM No. 169

Return by a company purchasing
its own shares

Pursuant to section 169 of the Companies Act 1985

To the Registrar of Companies
(Address overleaf)

For official use

Company number

Name of company

* ASTRAZENECA PLC

Shares were purchased by the company under section 162 of the above Act as
follows:

Class of shares	ORDINARY		
Number of shares purchased	400,000		
Nominal value of each share	US\$ 0.25		
Date(s) on which the shares were delivered to the company	28/03/01		
Maximum prices paid § for each share	3135.9625p		
Minimum prices paid § for each share	3135.9625p		

The aggregate amount paid by the company for the shares
to which this return relates was:

£12,543,850-00

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

£62,720-00

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

Signed



Designation † SECRETARY

Date 9/4/01

Presentor's name address and
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