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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
of its own shares

Pursuant to section 169 of the Companies Act 1985

To the Registrar of Companies
(Address overleaf)

Name of company

* ASTRAZENECA PLC

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

Class of shares	ORDINARY	ORDINARY	ORDINARY
Number of shares purchased	235,000	1,391,444	1,000,000
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	17/12/99	22/12/99	29/12/99
Maximum prices paid § for each share	2666.98p	2583.77p	2527.44p
Minimum prices paid § for each share	2666.98p	2583.77p	2527.44p

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

£67,493,515.64

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

£337,470.00

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

Signed

Designation † SECRETARY

Date 7/1/2000

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

Post room



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