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legibly, preferably in
black type, or 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‡ Insert Director,
Secretary,
Administrator,
Administrative
Receiver or
Receiver
(Scotland) as
appropriate

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 No.

3430071

Name of company

* DEBENHAMS PLC

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

Class of shares	ORDINARY		
Number of shares purchased	375,000		
Nominal value of each share	10p		
Date(s) on which the shares were delivered to the company	6 August 2002		
Maximum prices paid for each share	286.1539p		
Minimum prices paid for each share	286.1539p		

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

£ 1,075,760.82

Stamp duty is payable on the aggregate amount at the rate of ½% rounded
up to the nearest multiple of £5

£ 5,380.00

Signed

Designation

DEPUTY COMPANY
SECRETARY

Date

12/8/02

Presentor's name, address
and reference (if any):Eunice Payne
Co.Secretarial Assistant
Debenhams plc
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