

# Notes to the financial statements

## 10 Dividend

|  | 2009<br>pence<br>per share | 2008<br>pence<br>per share | 2009<br>£m | 2008<br>£m |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------|------------|
| Amounts recognised as distributions to equity holders in the year: |                            |                            |            |            |
| Final dividend of prior financial year                             | <b>9.00</b>                | 7.35                       | <b>155</b> | 126        |
| Interim dividend of current financial year                         | <b>3.60</b>                | 3.00                       | <b>63</b>  | 52         |
|  | <b>12.60</b>               | 10.35                      | <b>218</b> | 178        |

After the balance sheet date, a final dividend of 9.60 pence per share (2008: 9.00 pence per share) was proposed by the Directors in respect of the 52 weeks to 21 March 2009, resulting in a total final proposed dividend of £167 million (2008: £155 million). The proposed final dividend has not been included as a liability at 21 March 2009.