



Bank of England Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 11

PART II

MONETARY POLICY

Role of the Bank

10 Operational responsibility

In section 4(1) of the Bank of England Act 1946 (power of the Treasury to give directions to the Bank), at the end there is inserted “, except in relation to monetary policy”.

11 Objectives

In relation to monetary policy, the objectives of the Bank of England shall be—

- (a) to maintain price stability, and
- (b) subject to that, to support the economic policy of Her Majesty’s Government, including its objectives for growth and employment.

12 Specification of matters relevant to objectives

- (1) The Treasury may by notice in writing to the Bank specify for the purposes of section 11—
 - (a) what price stability is to be taken to consist of, or
 - (b) what the economic policy of Her Majesty’s Government is to be taken to be.
- (2) The Treasury shall specify under subsection (1) both of the matters mentioned there—
 - (a) before the end of the period of 7 days beginning with the day on which this Act comes into force, and
 - (b) at least once in every period of 12 months beginning on the anniversary of the day on which this Act comes into force.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (3) Where the Treasury give notice under this section they shall—
- (a) publish the notice in such manner as they think fit, and
 - (b) lay a copy of it before Parliament.