

## Notes to the Company financial statements continued

### 7 SHARE CAPITAL

	52 weeks to 24 December 2016 No.	52 weeks to 26 December 2015 No.	52 weeks to 24 December 2016 £m	52 weeks to 26 December 2015 £m
<b>ORDINARY SHARES OF 10p EACH</b>				
Allotted, called up and fully paid				
Balance at the beginning of the period	651,830,815	646,541,496	65.2	64.7
Issued during the period	–	5,289,319	–	0.5
Bought back and cancelled during the period	(12,467,000)	–	(1.3)	–
Balance at the end of the period	639,363,815	651,830,815	63.9	65.2