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Via Email: announcements@ise.ie

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Dear Mr Ferguson

We have received notification pursuant to section 67 of the Companies Act 1990 of the following interest in the issued share capital of Abbey plc.

Effective Date	Notification Date	Shareholder	No. Shares	% of Issued Share Capital
19.08.2011	22.08.2011	Gallagher Holdings Limited	10,166,544	45.06%

I would confirm that the shareholder has not acquired any further ordinary shares in Abbey plc over the 10,166,544 previously advised. Their percentage holding has increased following the recent buying of 75,100 ordinary shares by Abbey plc of its own shares on 19 August 2011.

Yours sincerely
For and on behalf of
ABBEY PLC

David J Dawson
Company Secretary