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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
16.02.2012	17.02.2012	Gallagher Holdings Limited	10,166,544	47.08%

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 49,597 ordinary shares by Abbey plc of its own shares on 16 February 2012.

Yours sincerely
For and on behalf of
ABBHEY PLC

David J Dawson
Company Secretary