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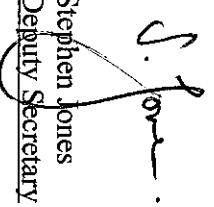
Dear Sirs

Notification of Change in Interest in Shares

We write in accordance with rule 9.12, under the continuing obligations section of the Listing Rules, to notify you that on 30 January 2006 we received information that, pursuant to section 198 of the Companies Act 1985, the shareholding of The Capital Group Companies, Inc., which equals 57,054,187 shares, now represents 7.094% of the issued ordinary share capital of Pearson plc.

The registered holders of the shares are listed on the schedule attached to this fax.

Yours faithfully


Stephen Jones
Deputy Secretary

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To: Pearson plc
80 Strand
London WC2R 0RL, UK

Date: 26 January 2006

AMENDED SECTION 198 NOTIFICATION
Notification of Decrease

This Notice is given by The Capital Group Companies, Inc. on behalf of its affiliates, including Capital Research and Management Company, Capital International S.A., Capital International, Inc., Capital International Limited, and Capital Guardian Trust Company, pursuant to Section 198 of the Companies Act 1985.

The interest in the relevant share capital indicated below arises by virtue of holdings attributed to the Companies (see Schedule A). These holdings form part of funds managed on behalf of investment clients by the Companies.

Share capital to which this relates:

Ordinary Shares (804,305,148 shares outstanding)

Number of shares in which the Companies have an interest:

57,054,187

Name(s) of registered holder(s):

See Schedule B

As of 26 January 2006

Pearson plc

The Capital Group Companies, Inc. ("CG") holdings

<u>Number of Shares</u>	<u>Percent of Outstanding</u>
57,054,187	7.094%

Holdings by CG Management Companies and Funds:

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|---|------------|--------|
| • Capital Guardian Trust Company | 20,965,841 | 2.607% |
| • Capital International Limited | 8,431,050 | 1.048% |
| • Capital International S.A. | 2,150,809 | 0.267% |
| • Capital International, Inc. | 1,752,215 | 0.218% |
| • Capital Research and Management Company | 23,754,272 | 2.953% |

Schedule of holdings in Pearson plc
As of 26 January 2006

Capital Guardian Trust Company

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
State Street Nominees Limited Canary Wharf 27th Floor, 1 Canada Square London E14 5AF	2,547,958
Bank of New York Nominees Bank of New York 3 Birchin Lane London EC3V 9BY	786,803
Northern Trust c/o NorTrust Nominees Limited 155 Bishopsgate London EC2M 3XS	153,100
Chase Manhattan Bank Australia Limited Level 36 World Trade Centre Jamison Street Sydney, NSW 2000 Australia	1,300
Chase Nominees Limited Woolgate House Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD	8,655,334
BT Globenet Nominees Ltd. 1 Appold Street Broadgate London EC2A 2HE	344,135
Midland Bank plc 5 Laurence Poutney Hill EC4R 0E, United Kingdom	1,929,285
Cede & Co. 55 Water Street New York, NY 10006	181,263

Deutsche Bank Mannheim	900
Bankers Trust 59 1/2 Southmark Street 2nd Floor London SE1 0HH	856,000
Barclays Bank Barclays Global Securities Services 8 Angel Court London EC2R 7HT	87,300
Citibank London 11 Old Jewry London EC2R 8D8 UK	5,300
Royal Trust	10,800
Brown Bros. One Mellon Bank Center Pittsburgh, PA 15258	23,493
Notrust Nominees 155 Bishopsgate London EC2M 3XS United Kingdom	3,525,797
Royal Bank of Scotland Regents House, 42, Islington High St London N1 8XL UK	46,900
MSS Nominees Limited Midland Bank plc Mariner House, Pepys London EC3N 4DA	33,000

State Street Bank & Trust Co.

39,800

Citibank

8,800

RBSTB Nominees Ltd.
67 Lombard St
London EC3 3DL
United Kingdom

1,100

Citibank NA
Toronto

27,000

Deutsche Bank AG
23 Great Winchester Street
London EC2P 2AX
United Kingdom

1,600

HSBC Bank plc
Securities Services, Mariner House
Peyps Street
London EC3N 4DA

1,100

Mellon Bank N.A.
London Branch
London
United Kingdom

107,000

ROY Nominees Limited
71N Queen Victoria Street
London EC4V 4DE
United Kingdom

17,900

Mellon Nominees (UK) Limited
150 Buchanan Street
Glasgow G1 2DY
United Kingdom

908,906

HSBC
2 Leboh Ampang
50100 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

23,000

JP Morgan Chase Bank

640,967

TOTAL 20,965,841

Capital International Limited

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
State Street Nominees Limited Canary Wharf 27th Floor, 1 Canada Square London E14 5AF	177,962
Bank of New York Nominees Bank of New York 3 Birchln Lane London EC3V 9BY	1,609,448
Northern Trust c/o NorTrust Nominees Limited 155 Bishopsgate London EC2M 3XS	889,538
Chase Nominees Limited Woolgate House Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD	1,832,579
Midland Bank plc 5 Laurence Poutney Hill EC4R 0E, United Kingdom	83,200
Bankers Trust 59 1/2 Southmark Street 2nd Floor London SE1 0HH	90,500
Barclays Bank Barclays Global Securities Services 8 Angel Court London EC2R 7HT	45,200
Citibank London 11 Old Jewry London EC2R 8D8 UK	113,966

Morgan Guaranty 83 Pall Mall London SW1Y 5ES UK	86,900
Nortrust Nominees 155 Bishopsgate London EC2M 3XS United Kingdom	1,014,997
Royal Bank of Scotland Regents House, 42, Islington High St London N1 8XL UK	753,600
MSS Nominees Limited Midland Bank plc Mariner House, Pepys London EC3N 4DA	91,200
State Street Bank & Trust Co.	294,900
National Westminster Bank	120,300
Lloyds Bank Central Settlement Section Branches Stock Office 34 Threadneedle Street	58,700
Citibank NA Toronto	23,500
Deutsche Bank AG 23 Great Winchester Street London EC2P 2AX United Kingdom	317,719

Chase Manhattan Nominee Ltd.
Australia

48,300

HSBC Bank plc
Securities Services, Mariner House
Peyps Street
London EC3N 4DA

418,500

Mellon Bank N.A.
London Branch
London
United Kingdom

46,916

KAS UK
Kass Associate
P.O Box 178
1000 AD Amsterdam

61,425

Bank One London

142,600

Clydesdale Bank plc

77,000

HSBC
2 Leboh Ampang
50100 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

16,600

JP Morgan Chase Bank

15,500

TOTAL 8,431,050

Capital International S.A.

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
State Street Nominees Limited Canary Wharf 27th Floor, 1 Canada Square London E14 5AF	16,036
Bank of New York Nominees Bank of New York 3 Birchlin Lane London EC3V 9BY	8,100
Chase Nominees Limited Woolgate House Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD	461,302
Credit Suisse London Branch 24 Bishopsgate London EC2N4BQ UK	30,000
Midland Bank plc 5 Laurence Poultry Hill EC4R 0E, United Kingdom	95,700
Barclays Bank Barclays Global Securities Services 8 Angel Court London EC2R 7HT	12,800
Brown Bros. One Mellon Bank Center Pittsburgh, PA 15258	4,700
Nortrust Nominees 155 Bishopsgate London EC2M 3XS United Kingdom	11,300

Morgan Stanley	6,200
Royal Bank of Scotland Regents House, 42, Islington High St London N1 8XL UK	148,636
J.P. Morgan	860,083
National Westminster Bank	16,700
Lloyds Bank Central Settlement Section Branches Stock Office 34 Threadneedle Street	24,800
RBSTB Nominees Ltd. 67 Lombard St London EC3 3DL United Kingdom	60,100
Deutsche Bank AG 23 Great Winchester Street London EC2P 2AX United Kingdom	67,352
HSBC Bank plc Securities Services, Mariner House Peeps Street London EC3N 4DA	327,000
TOTAL	2,150,809

Capital International, Inc.

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
State Street Nominees Limited Canary Wharf 27th Floor, 1 Canada Square London E14 5AF	310,857
Bank of New York Nominees Bank of New York 3 Birchin Lane London EC3V 9BY	253,168
Chase Nominees Limited Woolgate House Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD	467,650
Midland Bank plc 5 Laurence Poutney Hill EC4R 0E, United Kingdom	35,100
Bankers Trust 69 1/2 Southmark Street 2nd Floor London SE1 0HH	14,900
Notrust Nominees 155 Bishopsgate London EC2M 3XS United Kingdom	243,157
State Street Bank & Trust Co.	342,596
Citibank NA Toronto	57,987

HSBC Bank plc
Securities Services, Mariner House
Peeps Street
London EC3N 4DA

26,800

TOTAL 1,752,215

Capital Research and Management Company

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
State Street Nominees Limited Canary Wharf 27th Floor, 1 Canada Square London E14 5AF	750,000
Chase Nominees Limited Woolgate House Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD	23,004,272
TOTAL	23,754,272