

BARCLAYS PLC  
Form 6-K  
October 08, 2008

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549**

**FORM 6-K**

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-16 OR 15D-16  
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

October, 2008

**Barclays PLC and  
Barclays Bank PLC**  
(Names of Registrants)

**1 Churchill Place  
London E14 5HP  
England**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F x    Form 40-F

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes    No x

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b):

This Report is a joint Report on Form 6-K filed by Barclays PLC and Barclays Bank PLC. All of the issued ordinary share capital of Barclays Bank PLC is owned by Barclays PLC.

This Report comprises:

Information given to The London Stock Exchange and furnished pursuant to  
General Instruction B to the General Instructions to Form 6-K.

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John Varley comments on UK Government's statement announced on 08 October 2008

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each of the registrants has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

BARCLAYS PLC  
(Registrant)

Date: October 08, 2008

By: /s/ Patrick Gonsalves  
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Patrick Gonsalves  
Deputy Secretary

BARCLAYS BANK PLC  
(Registrant)

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Date: October 08, 2008

By: /s/ Patrick Gonsalves

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Patrick Gonsalves  
Joint Secretary

8 October 2008

**BARCLAYS PLC**

**John Varley  
comments on  
UK  
Government's statement**

Commenting on the UK Government's statement this morning, John Varley, Group Chief Executive, Barclays, said:

"Barclays welcomes the package of measures which the Government has announced this morning. The package addresses the most significant issues in the market, namely confidence in the strength of the banking system and the working of the money markets.

These initiatives, along with the Government's announcements in recent days relating to the protection of retail deposits, and the Bank of England's actions to assist the functioning of the money markets, offer welcome stability to the British banking system and will lead to the increased provision of credit to households and businesses.

Barclays commits to participating in these measures in ways which will protect the interests of our shareholders and customers, and benefit the broader financial system."

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, Africa and Asia

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