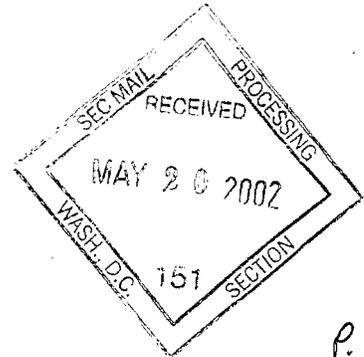


SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549



FORM 6 - K

Report of Foreign Issuer



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Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For 16 May 2002

The Governor and Company of the
Bank of Ireland
Head Office
Lower Baggot Street
Dublin 2
Ireland

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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 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):

AVS: 072183

Dear Sir,

Referring to the approaching payment of Dividend and/or Interest on your Company's Securities mentioned below, I shall be obliged if you will kindly fill in the particulars asked for *and return the form to me at the earliest possible moment*, my object being to make the Securities Ex on the proper date.

The particulars requested are additional to any announcement re date of Board meeting, Dividends, Profit figures etc.

The Secretary

Yours faithfully,
JAMES FERGUSON,
Operations Manager

THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY
OF THE
BANK OF IRELAND

Delays in communication may be avoided by use of the full postal address shown at the top of this form.
All information should be communicated to the Stock Exchange direct and not through an agency or third party.

TITLE OF SECURITY	BANK OF IRELAND ORDINARY STOCK		
Date of Board Meeting at which dividend was recommended/declared	15 MAY 2002		
FINAL DIVIDEND For Quarter/Half Year/Year to	YEAR TO:- 31 MARCH 2002		
Rate per cent actual (Please state net or gross)	/		
Amount payable in Cash pe. Share (Please state net or gross)	21.4 cent		
Euro equivalent of amount Payable in Cash per Share	21.4 cent		
Rate of TAX deducted/credited pence per share (to 6 decimal places)	Dividend Withholding Tax, if applicable 20%		
If the above security has the facility to convert, please state 1) the conversion period(s) for this year 2) whether converting shareholders retain the dividend/interest due on the above security	/		
If Dividend is the final for year state <u>total amount</u> for year	33.0 cent		
Date and time by which transfers must be lodged with Company for transferees to receive this Dividend/Interest	5pm on 21 JUNE 2002		
TRANSFER BOOKS CLOSED (if Crest security do not complete this section)	From To inclusive	From To inclusive	From To inclusive
Date of Dividend Payment or Interest due (with number of coupon where applicable)	19 JULY 2002 (439)		
Date of Annual General Meeting (where applicable)	10 JULY 2002		

Excluding Supplementary Distribution (if any)	Supplementary Distribution (if any)
	NIL

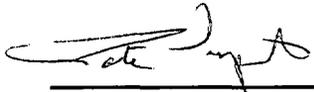
Date 16 MAY 2002

..... Secretary

SIGNATURES

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

**The Governor and Company
of the Bank of Ireland**



T.H. Forsyth
Group Secretary

Date: *16 May 2002*