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GLOSSARY

The main payment-related terminology used in this report is as follows:

- Automated payments comprise Direct Debits; Bacs Direct Credits; standing orders; single immediate, forward dated and bulk corporate access transactions processed through the Faster Payments Service; and internal transfers within the same bank
- Card payments are all those made using debit, credit and charge cards
- Automated credits refer to all consumer FPS payments and in-house cleared payments
- Electronic payments refer to the sum of automated and card payments
- Credit card payments refers to both credit and charge card payments unless clear from the context
- Faster Payments and other remote banking refers to any account-to-account payment initiated by online, mobile or telephone banking
- Payments refer to all purchases and transfers but not including those made to acquire cash
- Transactions include all payments as well as cash acquisition
- Household commitments are regular bills which are based in the home and include rent, mortgage, home insurance, water, gas, electricity etc.
- Individual commitments are regular bills which a person may choose as part of their lifestyle/needs and include car insurance, health insurance, vehicle tax, gym membership, pensions, magazine subscriptions etc.