

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND GROUP PLC  
Form 6-K  
November 02, 2009

**FORM 6-K**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington D.C. 20549

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

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

**For November 2, 2009**

**Commission File Number: 001-10306**

**The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc**

**RBS, Gogarburn, PO Box 1000**  
**Edinburgh EH12 1HQ**

(Address of principal executive offices)

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02 November 2009

**Status of the Asset Protection Scheme and State Aid discussions**

The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc ( RBS ) notes recent speculation in the media on both the terms associated with RBS 's proposed participation in the UK Government 's Asset Protection Scheme ( APS ) and the State Aid measures which are to be agreed with the European Commission ( EC ).

RBS believes it is close to agreement with HM Treasury with respect to its proposed participation in the APS. RBS expects the agreement on the APS to reflect market improvements since February and RBS 's ongoing recovery whilst giving protection against future potential stressed case losses.

With respect to the EC, negotiations between HM Treasury and the EC are in their final stages and will include some divestments not initially contemplated. It remains RBS 's goal that any required divestments do not threaten its recovery plan which is already underway.

While timings may still change, further announcements regarding both the APS and the EC position are currently planned to be made not later than the release of RBS 's third quarter results on Friday, 6 November 2009.

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**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 authorized.

Date: 2 November 2009

THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND GROUP plc  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ A McEntee

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Title: Assistant Secretary