

PEARSON PLC  
Form 6-K  
January 21, 2009

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 6-K**

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

For the month of January, 2009

**PEARSON plc**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

N/A

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**80 Strand  
London, England WC2R 0RL  
44-20-7010-2000**  
(Address of principal executive office)

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

Yes

No X

This Report includes the following documents:

1. A press release from Pearson plc announcing Director/PDMR Shareholding

**notification of transactions of directors, persons**

**discharging managerial responsibility or connected persons**

This form is intended for use by an

*issuer*

to make a

*RIS*

notification required by

*DR*

3.14R(1).

(1)

An

*issuer*

making a notification in respect of a transaction relating to the

*shares*

or debentures of the

*issuer*

should complete

boxes 1 to 16

, 23 and 24.

(2)

An

*issuer*

making a notification in respect of a derivative relating the

*shares*

of the

*issuer*

should complete

boxes 1 to 4

, 6, 8, 13, 14, 16, 23 and 24.

(3)

An

*issuer*

making a notification in respect of options granted to a *director/person discharging managerial responsibilities* should complete boxes 1 to 3 and 17 to 24.

(4)

An *issuer* making a notification in respect of a *financial instrument* relating to the *shares* of the *issuer*

(other than a debenture) should complete boxes 1 to 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 23 and 24. Please complete all relevant boxes should in block capital letters.

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| <p>1. Name of the <i>issuer</i><br/><b>PEARSON PLC</b></p>   | <p>2. State whether the notification relates to (i) a transaction notified in accordance with <i>DR</i> 3.1.4R(1)(a) (ii) <i>DR</i> 3.1.4(R)(1)(b) a disclosure made in accordance with section 324 (as extended by section 328) of the Companies Act 1985; or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• both (i) and (ii)</li> </ul> <p><b>BOTH (i) AND (ii)</b></p> |
| <p>3. Name of <i>person discharging managerial responsibilities/director</i><br/><b>MARJORIE SCARDINO</b></p>  | <p>4. State whether notification relates to a <i>person</i> connected with a <i>person discharging managerial responsibilities/director</i> named in 3 and identify the <i>connected person</i><br/><b>N/A</b></p>   |
| <p>5. Indicate whether the notification is in respect of a holding of the <i>person</i> referred to in 3 or 4 above or in respect of a non-beneficial interest<br/><sup>1</sup><br/><b>HOLDING</b></p> | <p>Description of <i>shares</i> (including <i>class</i>), debentures or derivatives or financial instruments relating to <i>shares</i><br/><b>AMERICAN DEPOSITORY RECEIPTS (ADRs)</b></p>  |
| <p>7. Name of registered shareholder(s) and, if more than one, the number of <i>shares</i> held by each of them<br/><b>MARJORIE SCARDINO</b></p>   | <p>8. State the nature of the transaction<br/><b>PURCHASE THROUGH U.S. EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN</b></p>  |
| <p>9. Number of</p>  | <p>10. Percentage of issued</p>  |

*shares*  
, debentures or financial instruments relating to  
*shares*  
acquired  
**955**

*class*  
acquired (  
*treasury shares*  
of that  
*class*  
should not be taken into account when calculating  
percentage)  
**0.00012**  
%

11. Number of  
*shares*  
, debentures or financial instruments relating to  
*shares*  
disposed  
**N/A**

12. Percentage of issued  
*class*  
disposed (  
*treasury shares*  
of that  
*class*  
should not be taken into account when calculating  
percentage)  
**N/A**

13. Price per  
*share*  
or value of transaction  
\$  
**8.1090**

14. Date and place of transaction  
**31 December 2008**

15. Total holding following notification and total  
percentage holding following notification (any  
*treasury shares*  
should not be taken into account when  
calculating percentage)  
**632,755**                      **0.07826**  
%

16. Date issuer informed of transaction  
**20**  
**January 200**  
**9**

**If a**  
***person discharging managerial responsibilities***  
**has been granted options by the**  
***issuer***  
**complete the following boxes**

17. Date of grant  
**N/A**

18. Period during which or date on which it can  
be exercised  
**N/A**

19. Total amount paid (if any) for grant of the option  
**N/A**

20. Description of  
*shares*  
or debentures involved (  
*class*  
and number)  
**N/A**

21. Exercise price (if fixed at time of grant) or indication that price is  
to be fixed at the time of exercise  
**N/A**

22. Total number of  
*shares*  
or debentures over which options held  
following notification

23. Any additional information  
N/A

N/A  
24. Name of contact and telephone number for queries:  
**JENNIFER B  
RAUNHOFER  
, ASSISTANT COMPANY  
SECRETARY, 020 7010 2256.**

**Name and signature of duly authorised officer of  
issuer  
responsible for making notification  
JENNIFER B  
RAUNHOFER  
ASSISTANT COMPANY SECRETARY**

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**Date of notification**

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**21  
January 200  
9**

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**SIGNATURE**

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.

PEARSON plc

Date: 21 January, 2009

By: /s/ STEPHEN JONES

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Stephen Jones  
Deputy Secretary