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2016 GOVERNMENT REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

GOVERNMENT POSTS AN 8.0 TRILLION WON SURPLUS IN 2016

The government ran an 8.0 trillion won surplus in 2016, following a 2.8 trillion won surplus in 2015. The general and special accounts revenues amounted to 345.0 trillion won, while expenditures amounted to 332.2 trillion won.

2016 Revenues and Expenditures

(trillion won)

	Revenue Target (A)	Revenues (B)	Revenue Surplus (B-A)	Spending (C)	Surplus (B-C)	Spending Transferred (D)	Balance (B-C-D)	Unused
Total	341.9	345.0	3.0	332.2	12.8	4.8	8.0	11.0
-General Account	279.4	281.7	2.2	274.0	7.7	1.6	6.1	5.4
-Special Account	62.5	63.3	0.8	58.2	5.1	3.2	1.9	5.6

Total revenues amounted to 345.0 trillion won, an increase of 16.9 trillion won compared to the previous year and 3.0 trillion won more than the revenue target. The national tax revenues amounted to 242.6 trillion won, increasing 24.7 trillion won¹ from the previous year and exceeding the target by 9.8 trillion won. The nontax revenues totaled 102.4 trillion won, down 7.8 trillion won from the previous year and 6.8 trillion won less than the target.

A total of 332.2 trillion won was spent out of the 348.0 trillion won spending target², and 4.8 trillion won has been transferred to 2017: 1.6 trillion won in the general account, an increase of 0.1 trillion won compared with 2015, and 3.2 trillion won in the special account, a decrease of 1.2 trillion won from 2015.

General account surpluses worth 6.1 trillion won will be used, under Article 90 of the National Finance Act, to pay subsidies for local governments and repay government debt.

A total of 11 trillion won, 3.2 percent of the total budget, was left unused in 2016³, due to the reasons we cannot control, such as auction prices cheaper than expected and project delays, as well as cheaper oil prices and low interest rates. Compared with 2015, the amount left unused increased 0.2 trillion won, but stayed unchanged as a percentage to total budget at 3.2 percent.

¹ Including a 7.7 trillion won increase in VAT and a 7.1 trillion won increase in corporate tax

² 341.9 trillion won (2016 spending target) + 6.1 trillion won (transferred from the previous year)

³ 5.4 trillion won in the general account and 5.6 trillion won in the special account

Amount Left Unused, 2012 - 2016

(trillion won)

	2008-2012 Average	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total	5.6	5.7	18.1	17.5	10.8	11.0
(% to total budget)	(2.2)	(2.0)	(5.8)	(5.5)	(3.2)	(3.2)

Based on the 2016 revenues and expenditures, the government will work on the 2016 national financial statement and submit the financial statement to the National Assembly by the end of May.