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PROVISIONAL FIGURES ON LOAN ISSUES, EXTRAORDINARY PAYMENTS/ RECEIPTS AND CASH BALANCES AS AT 31 JANUARY 2011 ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL: NATIONAL TREASURY

During January 2011, domestic short-term loans (net) decreased by R4 758 million mainly due to repayments of borrowing from the Corporation for Public Deposits. Domestic long-term loan issues inclusive of repo's and net of redemptions increased by R8 649 million.

Foreign loan issues, net of redemptions, decreased by R402 million mainly due to redemptions on arms procurement loan agreements.

Extraordinary payments of R47 million were recorded due to losses on conversion of foreign currency transactions while extraordinary receipts of R181 million was recorded resulting from premiums received through financing issuance.

Government's cash balances decreased by R4 174 million to R141 810 million. The South African Reserve Bank accounts, mainly sterilisation and foreign currency deposits, amounted to R106 101 million. Operational cash balances with commercial banks amounted to R35 709 million.

More detailed information on the provisional figures will be included in the monthly statements of the National Revenue, Expenditure and Borrowing, which will be released on 25 February 2011.

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