

PRESS RELEASE

PROVISIONAL FIGURES ON LOAN ISSUES, EXTRAORDINARY PAYMENTS/ RECEIPTS AND CASH BALANCES AS AT 31 JANUARY 2012 ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL: NATIONAL TREASURY

During January 2012, net domestic short-term loans decreased by R626 million. Domestic long-term loans, net of redemptions, increased by R8 971 million.

Net foreign loans increased by R11 597 million due to the net of R12 025 million raised through the issuance of a US\$ 1.5 billion 12-year global bond (4.665%; 2024) and redemptions of R428 million on arms procurement loan agreements.

Extraordinary receipts of R72 million were recorded mainly in respect of premiums on loan transactions with extraordinary payments of R9 million relating to revaluation losses on foreign currency transactions.

Government's cash balances decreased by R1 508 million to R187 476 million. The South African Reserve Bank accounts, mainly sterilisation and foreign currency deposits, amounted to R132 441 million. Cash balances with commercial banks amounted to R55 035 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 29 February 2012.

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