

PRESS RELEASE

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

During August 2012, net domestic short-term loans decreased by R6 189 million, as Corporation for Public Deposits repayments amounted to R3 649 million. Net domestic long-term loans increased by R15 134 million, inclusive of redemption and switch transactions.

Net foreign loans decreased by R19 million mainly due to the redemptions on arms procurement loan agreements.

Extraordinary receipts of R1 076 million were recorded mainly in respect of premiums received on loan and portfolio restructuring transactions. Extraordinary payments recorded R242 million mainly due to premiums paid on portfolio restructuring transactions.

Government's cash balances increased by R3 666 million to R156 976 million. The South African Reserve Bank accounts, mainly sterilisation and foreign currency deposits, amounted to R122 342 million. Cash balances with commercial banks amounted to R34 634 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 28 September 2012.

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