



PRESS RELEASE

**PROVISIONAL FIGURES ON LOAN ISSUES, EXTRAORDINARY PAYMENTS/
RECEIPTS AND CASH BALANCES
AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2012
ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL: NATIONAL TREASURY**

During the month of February 2012, net domestic short-term loans increased by R1 809 million. Domestic long-term loans, net of redemptions, increased by R13 844 million.

Net foreign loans decreased by R37 million mainly due to a redemption on arms procurement loan agreement.

Extraordinary receipts of R233 million were recorded mainly in respect of premiums on loan transactions with extraordinary payments of R20 million relating to revaluation losses on foreign currency transactions.

Government's cash balances increased by R22 706 million to R210 243 million. The South African Reserve Bank accounts, mainly sterilisation and foreign currency deposits, amounted to R132 417 million. Cash balances with commercial banks amounted to R77 825 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 30 March 2012.

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