

PRESS RELEASE

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

During December 2011, net domestic short-term loans increased by R101 million. Domestic long-term loans, net of redemptions, increased by R8 668 million.

Net foreign loans increased by R32 million due to a R113 million drawdown and redemptions of R81 million on arms procurement loan agreements.

Extraordinary receipts of R288 million were recorded mainly in respect of premiums on loans issued and revaluation profits on foreign currency transactions.

Government's cash balances increased by R30 015 million to R189 352 million. The South African Reserve Bank accounts, mainly sterilisation and foreign currency deposits, amounted to R121 282 million. Cash balances with commercial banks amounted to R68 071 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 January 2012.

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