

PRESS RELEASE

PROVISIONAL FIGURES ON LOAN ISSUES, EXTRAORDINARY PAYMENTS/ RECEIPTS AND CASH BALANCES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2010 ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL: NATIONAL TREASURY

During December 2010, domestic short-term loans (net) increased by R4 463 million while domestic long-term loan issues inclusive of repo's and net of redemptions increased by R8 613 million.

Foreign loan issues, net of redemptions, decreased by R65 million mainly due to redemptions on arms procurement loan agreements.

Extraordinary payments of R42 million were recorded due to losses on conversion of foreign currency transactions.

Government's cash balances increased by R13 414 million. The South African Reserve Bank accounts, mainly sterilisation and foreign currency deposits, amounted to R101 578 million. Operational cash balances with commercial banks amounted to R44 405 million.

More detailed information on the provisional figures will be included in the monthly statement of the National Revenue, Expenditure and Borrowing, which will be released on 28 January 2011.

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