

PRESS RELEASE

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

During March 2010, domestic short-term loans (net) increased by R2 998 million while domestic long-term loan issues inclusive of repo's and net of redemptions increased by R13 639 million.

Foreign loan issues, net of redemptions, increased by R14 802 million following the issuance of a US\$2 billion global bond.

Extraordinary receipts of R184 million were received mainly in respect of premiums on loan issues. Extraordinary payments of R10 million were recorded in respect of revaluation losses on foreign exchange deposits used to meet government's foreign exchange commitments.

Government's balances in the South African Reserve Bank accounts amounted to R93 309 million which is R25 952 million higher than forecasted. This is due to an increase in government's foreign currency deposits resulting from a foreign bond issue and foreign exchange accumulation purchases. Operational cash balances with commercial banks amounted to R38 418 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 30 April 2010.

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