

PRESS RELEASE

PROVISIONAL FIGURES ON LOAN ISSUES, EXTRAORDINARY PAYMENTS/ RECEIPTS AND CASH BALANCES AS AT 31 MARCH 2004 ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL: NATIONAL TREASURY

During March 2004 domestic short-term loans (net) decreased by R1 424,8 million whilst domestic long-term loan issues, net of redemptions, buy-backs and switches increased by R8 506,8 million.

Extraordinary receipts of R255,4 million were received. This amount represents the net of premiums on loan issuance for financing (R749,8 million) and an adjustment to restructuring proceeds from the Central Energy Fund (R494,4 million) received in the previous financial year.

Extraordinary payments of R276,4 million were incurred in respect of the takeover of the debt of the SA Housing Board.

The balances in the exchequer, tax and loans and CPD investment accounts amounted to R100,3 million, R12 472, 7 million and R96,0 million as at 31 March 2004 respectively.

As a result of the higher closing cash balance for 2003/04 the gross domestic bond issues for 2004/05 decrease by R6 169 million to R54 691 million. The net new issues to the market now amount to R21 159 million

No RSA bonds were stripped or reconstituted during March 2004.

More detailed information on the above provisional figures will be included in the monthly statement of the National Revenue, Expenditure and Borrowing which will be released on 30 April 2004.

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Description	2003/04				
	Revised Estimate R'000	January R'000	February R'000	March R'000	Year to date R'000
Loan issues (net)					
Domestic short-term loans (net):	6,000,000	1,188,705	3,800,238	(1,424,795)	6,719,819
Freasury Bills:	6,000,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,500,000	6,550,000
Shorter than 91 days 91 days		- 1,200,000	- 1,200,000	1,500,000	- 6,400,000
182 days	-			-	150,000
Corporation for Public Deposits	_	(11,295)	2,600,238	(2,924,795)	169,815
Domestic long-term loans (net): Loans issued for financing (net):	26,080,767 18,924,367	3,014,358 3,014,358	(22,458,058) (22,511,864)	8,506,845 8,230,455	31,123,03 23,966,62
Loans issued (gross)	46,129,816	3,096,545	4,047,891	8,230,455	51,404,93
Discount	(647,000)	(82,187)	(25,801)	(53,644)	(730,76)
Redemptions: Scheduled	(00.550.140)		(20 500 05 4)		(00 777
Scheduled Buy-backs (excluding book profit)	(26,558,449)		(26,533,954)	(203)	(26,707,55
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Loans issued for switches (net): Loans issued (gross)	(120,000) 10,166,500	- 447,000	53,806		(119,97
Discount	(116,000)	-	(60,035)		(115,99
Loans switched (excluding book profit)	(10,170,500)	(447,000)	(886,159)		(10,170,43
oans issued for extraordinary purposes (net):	7,276,400		_	276,390	7,276,39
Loans issued (gross)	7,276,400			276,390	7,276,39
Buy-Backs			-	-	-
oreign long-term loans (net): .oans issued for financing (net):	1,150,583 1,150,583	(4,859,563) (4,859,563)	22,187 22,187		1,045,11
Loans issued (gross)	14,533,200	382,087	22,187	-	14,427,70
Discount	(80,700)	-	-	-	(80,73
Redemptions: Rand value at date of issue	(16,798,730)	(6,402,192)			(16,801,84
Revaluation	3,496,813	1,160,542	-	-	3,499,92
Total	33,231,350	(656,500)	(18,635,633)	7,082,050	38,887,96
Extraordinary payments/receipts 1					
Receipts:	889,450	152,691	162,487	255,391	1,598,20
Proceeds from the restructuring of State Assets Special restructuring proceeds from Central Energy Fund	-	-	-	-	7,96
Profit on conversion of Foreign loans		- 55	- 34	(494,444)	(494,44
Premium on debt portfolio restructuring	-	-	-	-	280,55
Premium on loan issues for financing		152,636	162,453	749,835	1,802,91
Payments:	(7,443,440)	(2,023)	(53,806)	(276,390)	(7,443,44
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akeover of National Housing Board debt	-	-	-	(276,390)	(7,000,00
Premium on debt portfolio restructuring	-	-	(53,806)	-	(160,5
Fotal	(6,553,990)	150,668	108,681	(20,999)	(5,845,26
Change in cash balances					·
Dening balance:	9,729,819	38,212,520	36,912,744	3,432,223	9,729,81
Exchequer account	249,010	150,705	42,187	99,793	249,01
ax and Loan accounts	9,480,809	32,821,190	36,870,557	3,332,430	9,480,80
SARB deposit account CPD investment account		5,240,625			-
Closing balance:	0 500 000			12,668,947	12,668,94
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ax and Loan accounts	6,250,000	36,870,557	3,332,430	12,472,670	12,472,67
SARB deposit account	-	-	-	-	-
CPD investment account		-	-	96,000	96,0
Fotal	3,229,819	1,299,776	33,480,521	(9,236,724)	(2,939,1