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## PROVISIONAL FIGURES ON LOAN ISSUES, EXTRAORDINARY PAYMENTS/ RECEIPTS AND CASH BALANCES <br> AS AT 31 MARCH 2004 <br> 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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