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## PROVISIONAL FIGURES ON LOAN ISSUES, EXTRAORDINARY PAYMENTS/ RECEIPTS AND CASH BALANCES <br> AS AT 30 APRIL 2004 <br> ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL: NATIONAL TREASURY

During April 2004 domestic short-term loans (net) decreased by R119,0 million whilst domestic long-term loan issues, net of redemptions, buy-backs and switches increased by R10 128,7 million. This includes R7,0 billion of nil coupon bonds issued to the South African Reserve Bank (SARB) to defray the realised losses on the Gold and Foreign Exchange Contingency Reserve Account.

Foreign loans, net of redemptions, increased by R1 022,7 million due to disbursements pertaining to the Strategic Defence Packages.

Extraordinary receipts of R660,9 million were received in respect of premiums on the issuance of loans for financing (R54,6 million) and premiums on switches with the SARB for monetary purposes (R605,6 million). Furthermore, a profit of R0,7 million was recorded on the conversion of a foreign loan.

Extraordinary payments of R7 003,6 million were incurred in respect of a loss on the conversion of a foreign loan (R3,6 million) and R7,0 billion in respect of GFECRA losses.

The balances in the exchequer, tax and loans and CPD investment accounts amounted to R140,0 million, R6 846,0 million and R359,7 million as at 30 April 2004, respectively.

No RSA bonds were stripped or reconstituted during April 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 28 May 2004.

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