

PRESS RELEASE

PROVISIONAL FIGURES ON LOAN ISSUES, EXTRAORDINARY PAYMENTS/ RECEIPTS AND CASH BALANCES AS AT 31 JANUARY 2006 ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL: NATIONAL TREASURY

During January 2006 domestic short-term loans (net) increased by R805,1 million whilst domestic long-term loan issues, net of redemptions, buy-backs and switches increased by R2 951,1 million. Domestic long-term loans includes an amount of R43,7 million in respect of Retail Bonds.

Foreign loan issues, net of redemptions, decreased by R259,7 million. This represents redemptions of R640,6 million and drawdowns of R380,9 million on arms procurement loan agreements.

Extraordinary receipts of R274,6 million were received in respect of premiums on the issuance of loans for financing purposes.

The balances in the Reserve Bank and Commercial Bank accounts amounted to R33 981,6 million and R42 754,4 million, respectively.

No RSA bonds were stripped or reconstituted during January 2006.

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 February 2006.

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PROVISIONAL FIGURES ON LOAN ISSUES, EXTRAORDINARY PAYMENTS/RECEIPTS AND CASH BALANCES: JANUARY 2006

Description	2005/06				
	Revised Estimate R'000	November R'000	December R'000	January R'000	Year to date R'000
Loan issues (net)					
Domestic short-term loans (net): Treasury Bills: Shorter than 91 days	4,974,000 6,000,000	2,353,872 401,620 -	(1,197,748) 800,000	805,125 800,000	4,748,632 5,001,620
91 days 182 days 273 days		(498,380) 250,000 650,000	200,000	200,000	(1,298,380) 2,550,000 3,750,000
Corporation for Public Deposits	(1,026,000)	1,952,252	(1,997,748)	5,125	(252,988)
Domestic long-term loans (net): Loans issued for financing (net): Loans issued (gross) Discount Redemptions:	23,292,100 19,051,100 46,403,500 (965,800)	3,942,951 3,942,951 3,995,431 (50,317)	2,315,667 2,315,667 2,337,322 (5,826)	2,951,125 2,951,125 2,961,557 (6,463)	37,491,539 38,515,923 (639,020)
Scheduled Loans issued for switches (net): Loans issued (gross)	(26,386,600) (298,000) 4,266,000	(2,163)	(15,829)	(3,969)	(385,364) (298,577) 4,265,652
Discount Loans switched (excluding book profit)	(25,000) (4,539,000)	-			(25,022) (4,539,207)
Loans issued for extraordinary purposes (net): Loans issued (gross) Buy-Backs	4,539,000 4,539,000 -	-		•	4,539,207 4,539,207
Foreign long-term loans (net): Loans issued for financing (net): Loans issued (gross)	1,045,000 1,045,000 3,594,000	(136,019) (136,019) 8,671	102,954 102,954 161,389	(259,720) (259,720) 380,890	1,574,071 1,574,071 2,864,476
Discount Redemptions: Rand value at date of issue Revaluation	(1,949,400) (599,600)	(154,667) 9,977	(48,582) (9,853)	(750,401) 109,791	- (1,379,921) 89,516
Total	29,311,100	6,160,804	1,220,873	3,496,530	48,054,872
Extraordinary payments/receipts					
Receipts:	7,123,000	56,073	226,655	274,660	4,651,852
Profit on conversion of foreign loans	-	-	-	30	595
Premium on switches for monetary management purposes	-	-	-	-	298,577
Premium on loan issues for financing	-	56,030	226,627	274,594	1,505,143
Foreign exchange amnesty proceeds Agricultural Debt Account surrender					1,000,000 150,000
Special dividends from Telkom	_	_			1,035,240
ncorrect transfer from CPD	-	5	(5)		-
Special dividends from Eskom Penalties on retail bonds	-	- 38	- 33	- 36	662,000 297
Payments: Losses on conversion of foreign loans	(4,539,000)	(75)	(1,782)	(577) (577)	(4,543,112)
Losses on GFECRA	-	-	(1,782)	-	(3,905) (4,539,207)
Total	2,584,000	55,998	224,873	274,083	108,740
Change in cash balances					
Opening balance:	30,870,266	52,410,523	58,748,467	69,934,040	30,870,266
Reserve Bank accounts Commercial Banks - Tax and Loan accounts		20,277,606 32,132,917	21,671,780 37,076,687	26,525,077 43,408,963	907,732 29,962,534
Closing balance:	48,618,365	58,748,467	69,934,040	76,735,985	76,735,985
Reserve Bank accounts Commercial Banks - Tax and Loan accounts	-	21,671,780 37,076,687	26,525,077 43,408,963	33,981,619 42,754,366	33,981,619 42,754,366