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PROVISIONAL FIGURES ON LOAN ISSUES, DIRECT EXCHEQUER PAYMENTS/REVENUE FUND RECEIPTS AND CASH BALANCES<br>AS AT 31 MAY 2007<br>ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL: NATIONAL TREASURY

During May 2007 domestic short-term loans (net) increased by R1 652,6 million whilst domestic long-term loan issues, net of redemptions, buy-backs, switches and repo's increased by R3 245,9 million.

Foreign loan issues, net of redemptions, buy-backs and switches decreased by R1 750,1 million. As part of Government's active foreign debt management programme, government entered into liability management transactions, comprising of switches and buybacks. These transactions were partially financed through the issue of the new $5,875 \%$ US\$ 1 billion notes due 30 May 2022. The remainder was financed from internal resources.

Revenue fund receipts of R181,8 million were received mainly in respect of premiums on the issuance of loans. Extraordinary payments of R677,3 million were incurred in respect of premiums on the restructuring of the foreign debt portfolio.

The balances in the South African Reserve Bank accounts, mainly sterilisation deposits, amount to R49 079,2 million. The sterilisation deposits are not available for financing government's borrowing requirement, as this would increase the money supply. Operational cash balances with Commercial Banks amounted to R8 457,3 million.

No RSA bonds were stripped or reconstituted during May 2007.
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 29 June 2007.

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