

PRESS RELEASE

PROVISIONAL FIGURES ON LOAN ISSUES, DIRECT EXCHEQUER PAYMENTS/ REVENUE FUND RECEIPTS AND CASH BALANCES AS AT 31 MAY 2007 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 buy-backs. 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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Description	2007/08			
	Budget R'000	April R'000	May R'000	Year to date R'000
Loan issues (net)				
Domestic short-term loans (net):	5,750,000	1,043,111	1,652,625	2,695,736
reasury Bills:	6,000,000	950,000	1,000,000	1,950,000
Shorter than 91 days	-	-	-	-
91 days	-	150,000	-	150,000
182 days	-	400,000	500,000	900,000
273 days		400,000	500,000	900,000
corporation for Public Deposits	(250,000)	93,111	652,625	745,736
omestic long-term loans (net):	(9,019,000)	1,713,637	3,245,923	4,959,560
oans issued for financing (net):	(9,019,000)	1,623,253	2,375,474	3,998,727
Loans issued (gross)	25,325,100	1,748,556	2,443,740	4,192,296
Discount	(1,325,100)	(15,860)	(42,690)	(58,550)
Redemptions:				
Scheduled	(33,019,000)	(109,443)	(25,576)	(135,019)
Buy-backs (excluding book profit)	-	-	-	-
oans issued for repo's (net):		00.284	970 440	960,833
Repo out		90,384 779,034	870,449	2,517,167
Repo in		(688,650)	(867,684)	(1,556,334)
		(666,650)	(007,004)	(1,556,534)
oreign long-term loans (net):	(2,586,900)	(222,879)	(1,750,108)	(1,972,987)
oans issued for financing (net):				
	(2,586,900)	(222,879)	(182,010)	(404,889)
Loans issued (gross)	3,533,000	184,776	-	184,776
Discount	-	-	-	-
Redemptions:				
Scheduled				
Rand value at date of issue Revaluation	(5,646,900) (473,000)	(348,689) (58,966)	(156,279) (25,731)	(504,968) (84,697)
oans issued for switches (net):	_	_	(14,426)	(14,426)
Loans issued (gross)		-	3,952,695	3,952,695
Discount			(14,426)	(14,426)
Loans swithes (excluding book profit)			(14,420)	(14,420)
Rand value at date of issue		_	(3,429,851)	(3,429,851)
Revaluation			(522,844)	(522,844)
oans issued for buy-backs (net):	-	-	(1,553,672)	(1,553,672)
Loans issued (gross)	-		3,162,305	3,162,305
Discount	-	-	(11,544)	(11,544)
Buy-backs (excluding book profit)				
Rand value at date of issue	-	-	(3,867,218)	(3,867,218)
Revaluation	-	-	(837,215)	(837,215)
Total				
	(5,855,900)	2,533,869	4,716,538	5,682,309
Direct exchequer payments/revenue fund receipts				
eceipts:	1,250,000	26,283	181,863	208,146
remium on loan issues for financing	-	26,197	181,778	207,975
enalties on retail bonds	-	86	85	171
ayments:	(400,000)	(763)	(677,331)	(678,094)
osses on conversion of foreign loans	-	(763)		(763)
remium on debt portfolio restructuring		-	(677,331)	(677,331)
otal	850,000	25,520	(495,468)	(469,948)
Change in cash balances				
pening balance:	74,128,000	75,314,799	63,908,735	75,314,799
eserve Bank accounts ommercial Banks - Tax and Loan accounts		45,667,333 29,647,466	48,749,280 15,159,455	45,667,333 29,647,466
losing balance:	81,350,487	63,908,735	57,536,470	57,536,470
eserve Bank accounts	-	48,749,280	49,079,189	49,079,189
ommercial Banks - Tax and Loan accounts		15,159,455	8,457,281	8,457,281
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otal	(7,222,487)	11,406,064	6,372,265	17,778,329