

PRESS RELEASE

PROVISIONAL FIGURES ON LOAN ISSUES, EXTRAORDINARY PAYMENTS/ RECEIPTS AND CASH BALANCES AS AT 31 JANUARY 2010 ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL: NATIONAL TREASURY

During January 2010, domestic short-term loans (net) increased by R3 115.3 million and domestic long-term loan issues inclusive of repo's and net of redemptions increased by R9 233.8 million.

Foreign loan issues, net of redemptions, decreased by R445.4 million. This is due to R431.3 million redemptions on arms procurement loan agreements and R14.1 million on a World Bank loan.

Extraordinary payments of R13.5 million were recorded in respect of revaluation losses on foreign exchange deposits used to meet government's foreign exchange commitments.

The closing cash balance of R70 820.3 million with the South African Reserve Bank for January 2010 includes foreign exchange purchases leading to government's total foreign exchange deposits increasing to US\$508 million. These purchases are in line with the announcement by the Minister of Finance in the 2009 Medium Term Budget Policy speech that the National Treasury will support the purchases of foreign exchange reserves. Operational cash balances with commercial banks amounted to R28 342.4 million.

More detailed information on the provisional figures will be included in the monthly statement of the National Revenue, Expenditure and Borrowing which will be released on 26 February 2010.

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PROVISIONAL FIGURES ON LOAN ISSUES, EXTRAORDINARY PAYMENTS/RECEIPTS AND CASH BALANCES: JANUARY 2010

	2009/10				
Description	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: 91 days 182 days 273 days 364 days	49,700,000 <u>49,700,000</u> - - - - - -	2,015,884 3,100,000 - 700,000 1,200,000 1,200,000	827,286 2,789,000 (511,000) 600,000 1,100,000 1,600,000	3,115,342 3,100,000 200,000 500,000 1,000,000 1,400,000	50,181,885 43,429,000 9,439,000 9,900,000 13,090,000 11,000,000
Corporation for Public Deposits	-	(1,084,116)	(1,961,714)	15,342	6,752,885
Domestic long-term loans (net): Loans issued for financing (net): Loans issued (gross) Discount Redemptions: Scheduled Loans issued for repo's (net): Repo out Repo in	115,828,654 115,828,654 129,500,000 - (13,671,346) - - - -	13,031,838 13,031,838 14,204,471 (1,141,501) (31,132) - - -	9,478,928 9,478,928 10,166,680 (661,922) (25,830) - - 185,924 (185,924)	9,233,844 9,233,844 9,932,877 (655,856) (43,177) - - -	92,445,956 92,860,057 113,641,373 (7,293,930) (13,487,386) (414,101) 14,971,168 (15,385,269)
Foreign long-term loans (net): Loans issued for financing (net): Loans issued (gross) Discount Redemptions: Scheduled Rand value at date of issue Revaluation Total	11,456,835 11,456,835 19,943,000 - (7,585,442) (900,723) 176,985,489	(197,729) (197,729) 16,520 - (157,515) (56,734) 14,849,993	551,706 551,706 634,425 - (48,344) (34,375) 10,857,920	(445,379) (445,379) - (358,018) (87,361) 11,903,807	8,493,991 8,493,991 16,951,887 (100,361) (7,565,516) (792,019) 151,121,832
Extraordinary payments/receipts					
Receipts: Penalties on retail bonds Telkom / Vodacom transaction Premium on loan issues for financing Profit on conversion of foreign currency transactions Special dividends from Telkom Liquidation of SASRIA investment	6,297,000 - - - - - - - - -	100,663 40 - 100,623 - - -	278,308 65 - 278,212 31 - -	143 93 - - 50 - -	5,961,283 535 3,933,903 1,226,118 208,743 538,324 53,660
Payments: Losses on GFECRA Losses on conversion of foreign currency transactions Final payment of Saambou Bank liability Total	(553,000) - - - 5,744,000	(85,773) - (85,773) - 14,890	(79,902) - (24,558) (55,344) 198,406	(13,534) - (13,534) - (13,391)	(660,515) (180,668) (424,503) (55,344) 5,300,768
Change in cash balances					
Opening balance: Reserve Bank accounts Commercial Banks - Tax and Loan accounts Closing balance:	101,348,604 - - 106,090,593	90,233,185 71,165,936 19,067,249 86,429,135	86,429,135 69,847,731 16,581,404 98,471,409	98,471,409 79,747,651 18,723,758 99,162,765	101,348,604 70,064,813 31,283,791 99,162,765
Reserve Bank accounts Commercial Banks - Tax and Loan accounts Total	- - (4,741,989)	69,847,731 16,581,404 3,804,050	79,747,651 18,723,758 (12,042,274)	70,820,337 28,342,428 (691,356)	70,820,337 28,342,428
	(4,741,309)	3,004,030	(12,042,274)	(091,330)	2,185,839