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NATIONAL TREASURY

GENERAL NOTICE 3993 OF 2026

The statement of actual revenue, expenditure and borrowings with regard to the National Revenue Fund as at the end of May 2026/27 fiscal year is hereby published in terms of section 32 (1) of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999.

Detailed information is available on the website of the National Treasury at www.treasury.gov.za click the Communications & Media link - Press Releases - Monthly

Summary table of national revenue, expenditure and borrowing for the month ended 31 May 2026

		2026/27			2025/26		
R thousand	Table	Budget estimate	May	Year to date	Preliminary outcome	May	Year to date
Revenue[1]	1	**2 082 003 100**	**146 532 470**	**264 079 563**	**1 994 341 543**	**136 957 399**	**241 429 628**
Expenditure[1]	2	**2 383 252 766**	**161 152 088**	**342 266 008**	**2 325 290 946**	**147 072 249**	**316 174 867**
Appropriation by vote	2	**1 214 088 031**	**93 065 811**	**204 409 572**	**1 184 344 771**	**84 571 348**	**188 000 654**
Direct charges against the NRF	2	**1 162 834 547**	**68 086 277**	**137 856 436**	**1 140 946 175**	**62 500 901**	**128 174 213**
Debt-service costs		*432 448 720*	*6 105 420*	*15 106 424*	*417 892 325*	*6 389 370*	*16 135 267*
Provincial equitable share		*670 322 736*	*58 541 955*	*114 402 184*	*649 339 142*	*52 763 829*	*105 527 658*
General fuel levy sharing with metropolitan municipalities		*17 530 026*	-	-	*16 849 080*	-	-
Public-sector-related pension, post-retirement medical and other benefits		*8 541 453*	*701 221*	*1 387 678*	*8 006 513*	*665 852*	*1 290 726*
Skill Levy and SETAs		*27 657 285*	*2 242 070*	*4 611 889*	*25 575 720*	*2 115 627*	*4 249 331*
Other costs		*6 334 327*	*495 611*	*2 348 261*	*13 164 804*	*566 223*	*971 231*
Guarantees, indemnities and securities: Payment to the South African Reserve Bank		-	-	-	*118 590*	-	-
Section 16 payment to the Central Energy Fund (Mineral and Petroleum Resources)		-	-	-	*10 000 000*	-	-
Provisional allocations not appropriated		1 322 155	-	-	-	-	-
Contigency reserve		5 008 033	-	-	-	-	-
Main budget balance		**(301 249 666)**	**(14 619 618)**	**(78 186 446)**	**(330 949 404)**	**(10 114 850)**	**(74 745 239)**
Redemptions	4	**(134 753 362)**	**(792 161)**	**(21 792 611)**	**(159 181 213)**	**(945 747)**	**(12 554 634)**
Eskom debt-relief arrangement [2]	4	**-**	**-**	**-**	**(80 000 000)**	**-**	**-**
GFECRA settlement (net)[3]	4	**56 000 000**	**-**	**-**	**25 000 000**	**-**	**-**
Gross borrowing requirement		**(380 003 028)**	**(15 411 779)**	**(99 979 057)**	**(545 130 617)**	**(11 060 597)**	**(87 299 873)**
Financing of the net borrowing requirement							
Domestic short-term loans (net)	3	**26 900 000**	**2 000 000**	**4 197 851**	**39 551 871**	**2 358 981**	**6 964 863**
Domestic long-term loans (gross)	3	**242 500 000**	**24 870 367**	**44 406 359**	**390 583 351**	**37 306 412**	**74 348 138**
Foreign loans (gross)	3	**53 734 707**	**-**	**3 864 380**	**103 917 277**	**-**	**-**
Change in cash and other balances[4]	3	**56 868 321**	**(11 458 588)**	**47 510 467**	**11 078 118**	**(28 604 796)**	**5 986 872**
Total financing (gross)		**380 003 028**	**15 411 779**	**99 979 057**	**545 130 617**	**11 060 597**	**87 299 873**

1) The Gold and Foreign Exchange Contingency Reserve Account (GFECRA) cash receipt and requisition of cash recorded in Table 4 is not included in revenue and expenditure, as the budget position presents the net of the cash flows related to balance sheet transactions. These transactions are recorded as part of Changes of cash and other balances.

2) Loan advance by National Treasury to Eskom In terms of the Eskom Debt Relief Act, 2023 (Act No.7 of 2023).

3) The Gold and Foreign Exchange Contingency Reserve Account Defrayal Amendment Act, Act No 27 of 2024 refers.

4) A negative value indicates an increase in cash and other balances. A positive value indicates that cash is used to finance part of the borrowing requirement.

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