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GENERAL NOTICE 4177 OF 2026

The statement of actual revenue, expenditure and borrowings with regard to the National Revenue Fund as at the end of August 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 Press Releases

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

		2026/27			2025/26		
R thousand	Table	Budget estimate	August	Year to date	Preliminary outcome	August	Year to date
Revenue[1]	1	**2 082 003 100**	**197 308 696**	**812 256 832**	**1 994 341 543**	**177 358 396**	**742 106 178**
Expenditure[1]	2	**2 383 252 766**	**226 451 923**	**1 001 031 225**	**2 325 290 946**	**215 669 082**	**957 261 784**
Appropriation by vote	2	**1 214 088 031**	**108 844 918**	**534 446 644**	**1 184 344 771**	**102 591 426**	**511 039 321**
Direct charges against the NRF	2	**1 162 834 547**	**117 607 005**	**466 584 581**	**1 140 946 175**	**113 077 656**	**446 222 463**
Debt-service costs		*432 448 720*	*52 616 610*	*159 885 444*	*417 892 325*	*50 397 457*	*159 070 252*
Provincial equitable share		*670 322 736*	*55 793 884*	*282 166 526*	*649 339 142*	*52 763 829*	*263 819 145*
General fuel levy sharing with metropolitan municipalities		*17 530 026*	*5 843 344*	*5 843 344*	*16 849 080*	*5 616 360*	*5 616 360*
Public-sector-related pension, post-retirement medical and other benefits		*8 541 453*	*745 612*	*3 555 302*	*8 006 513*	*650 655*	*3 243 897*
Skill Levy and SETAs		*27 657 285*	*2 192 154*	*11 125 930*	*25 575 720*	2 090 281	*10 453 313*
Other costs		*6 334 327*	*415 401*	*4 008 035*	*13 164 804*	*1 559 074*	*4 019 496*
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)**	**(29 143 227)**	**(188 774 393)**	**(330 949 404)**	**(38 310 686)**	**(215 155 606)**
Redemptions	4	**(134 753 362)**	**(435 425)**	**(33 248 663)**	**(159 181 213)**	**(481 932)**	**(23 274 904)**
Eskom debt-relief arrangement [2]	4	**-**	**-**	**-**	**(80 000 000)**	**-**	**-**
GFECRA settlement (net)[3]	4	**56 000 000**	**25 000 000**	**25 000 000**	**25 000 000**	**-**	**-**
Gross borrowing requirement		**(380 003 028)**	**(4 578 652)**	**(197 023 058)**	**(545 130 617)**	**(38 792 618)**	**(238 430 510)**
Financing of the net borrowing requirement							
Domestic short-term loans (net)	3	**26 900 000**	**2 286 458**	**10 305 739**	**39 551 871**	**3 254 204**	**22 571 032**
Domestic long-term loans (gross)	3	**242 500 000**	**28 182 632**	**130 869 315**	**390 583 351**	**37 820 529**	**190 516 822**
Foreign loans (gross)	3	**53 734 707**	**-**	**6 349 760**	**103 917 277**	**10 334 981**	**37 428 281**
Change in cash and other balances[4]	3	**56 868 321**	**(25 890 438)**	**49 498 244**	**11 078 118**	**(12 617 096)**	**(12 085 625)**
Total financing (gross)		**380 003 028**	**4 578 652**	**197 023 058**	**545 130 617**	**38 792 618**	**238 430 510**

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. In 2024/25, the South African Reserve Bank paid R200 billion to government and R25 billion was paid in 2025/26. During August 2026/27, R48 billion was paid to government the remaining R31 billion will be paid in December 2026 in partial settlement of the GFECRA balances.

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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