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Information notice on the official gold and foreign exchange reserves of the South African Reserve Bank as at 28 February 2022

This notice provides detail of the US dollar equivalent of the level of the South African Reserve Bank's (SARB) official gold and foreign exchange reserves, Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) and foreign currency deposits received from customers published today in the SARB's Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 28 February 2022.

	28 February 2022 (US\$ millions)	31 January 2022 (US\$ millions)	Change ⁽¹⁾ (US\$ millions)
Gold reserves	7 686	7 221	465
SDR holdings	6 580	6 566	14
Foreign exchange reserves ⁽²⁾	43 427	43 412	15
Gross reserves	57 693	57 199	494
Foreign currency deposits received ⁽³⁾	(5 513)	(5 570)	57
Forward position ⁽⁴⁾	3 356	3 376	(20)
International liquidity position	55 536	55 005	531
Exchange rates			% change
EUR/US\$	1.1204	1.1153	0.46
GBP/US\$	1.3400	1.3410	(0.08)
US\$/ZAR	15.3899	15.5698	(1.16)
SDR/US\$	1.3949	1.3918	0.22
US\$/CNY	6.3100	6.3625	(0.83)
Gold price			% change
Market (US\$)	1 907.25	1 791.94	6.44
Statutory (ZAR)	29 352.39	27 900.15	5.21

1. Figures might not add up due to rounding.
2. Foreign exchange reserves include foreign currency deposits received (FDR).
3. FDR balances include the foreign loans and foreign exchange purchases by the National Treasury (NT), both through outright purchases and foreign exchange swaps.
4. The forward position mainly reflects outstanding foreign exchange forward transactions. These include foreign exchange swaps to sterilise foreign exchange purchases and liquidity management swaps.
5. Sterilisation foreign exchange swaps refers to swaps conducted to sterilise foreign exchange purchases from foreign direct investments and other foreign exchange inflows, such as from International Finance Institutions (IFIS).
6. Liquidity management swaps refers to foreign exchange swaps conducted in the normal course of business to manage money market liquidity.

The increase in the gross reserves and international liquidity position were mainly due to the increase in the US dollar gold price and the depreciation of the US dollar against other currencies, which were partially offset by the foreign exchange payments made on behalf of government.