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## Information notice on the official gold and foreign exchange reserves of the South African Reserve Bank as at 31 July 2023

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 31 July 2023.

	31 July 2023 (US\$ millions)	30 June 2023 (US\$ millions)	Change <sup>(1)</sup> (US\$ millions)
Gold reserves	7 897	7 681	216
SDR holdings	6 345	6 284	61
Foreign exchange reserves <sup>(2)</sup>	47 970	47 585	385
<b>Gross reserves</b>	<b>62 212</b>	<b>61 550</b>	<b>662</b>
Foreign currency deposits received <sup>(3)</sup>	(7 104)	(7 141)	37
Forward position <sup>(4)</sup>	518	527	(9)
<b>International liquidity position (ILP)</b>	<b>55 626</b>	<b>54 936</b>	<b>690</b>
<b>Exchange rates</b>			<b>% change</b>
EUR/US\$	1.1030	1.0859	1.58
GBP/US\$	1.2862	1.2649	1.68
US\$/ZAR	17.7340	18.9526	(6.43)
SDR/US\$	1.3429	1.3301	0.97
US\$/CNY	7.1502	7.2697	(1.64)
<b>Gold price</b>			<b>% change</b>
Market (US\$)	1 958.48	1 904.89	2.81
Statutory (ZAR)	34 731.68	36 102.6	(3.80)

- Figures might not add up due to rounding.
- Foreign exchange reserves include foreign currency deposits received (FDR).
- FDR balances include the foreign loans and foreign exchange purchases by the National Treasury (NT), both through outright purchases and foreign exchange swaps.
- The forward position mainly reflects outstanding foreign exchange forward transactions. These include foreign exchange swaps to sterilise foreign exchange purchases and liquidity management swaps.
- 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 (IFI'S).
- Liquidity management swaps refers to foreign exchange swaps conducted in the normal course of business to manage money market liquidity.

The increases in the gross reserves and international liquidity position were mainly due to the increase in the US dollar gold price and valuation adjustments due to foreign currency and asset price movements. These factors were partially offset by foreign exchange payments made on behalf of government.