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Information notice on the official gold and foreign exchange reserves of the South African Reserve Bank as at 30 November 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 30 November 2023.

	30 November 2023 (US\$ millions)	31 October 2023 (US\$ millions)	Change ⁽¹⁾ (US\$ millions)
Gold reserves	8 218	8 058	160
SDR holdings	6 253	6 163	90
Foreign exchange reserves ⁽²⁾	47 250	46 741	509
Gross reserves	61 721	60 962	759
Foreign currency deposits received ⁽³⁾	(5 910)	(5 960)	50
Forward position ⁽⁴⁾	508	508	0
International liquidity position (ILP)	56 319	55 510	809
Exchange rates			% change
EUR/US\$	1.0920	1.0650	2.54
GBP/US\$	1.2648	1.2172	3.91
US\$/ZAR	18.8556	18.7215	0.72
SDR/US\$	1.3333	1.3141	1.46
US\$/CNY	7.1385	7.3163	(2.43)
Gold price			% change
Market (US\$)	2 038.09	1 998.37	1.99
Statutory (ZAR)	38 429.41	37 412.48	2.72

- 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 increase 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 the foreign exchange payments made on behalf of government.