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Foreign Exchange and Liquidity, May 2010

THE FOREIGN-EXCHANGE RESERVE

In May 2010 the foreign-exchange reserve increased by kr. 36.4 billion to kr. 440.5 billion. The increase reflects Danmarks Nationalbank's net purchase of foreign exchange for kr. 37.8 billion, and the central government's net repayment of foreign debt for kr. 1.3 billion, cf. table 1.

In May, Danmarks Nationalbank's net purchase of foreign exchange due to intervention in the foreign-exchange market amounted to kr. 38.5 billion.

DANMARKS NATIONALBANK'S NET FOREIGN-EXCHANGE
PURCHASES AND THE CHANGE IN THE FOREIGN-EXCHANGE RESERVE – TABLE 1

Kr. billion	May 2010	January-May 2010
Danmarks Nationalbank's interventions* to purchase foreign exchange, net	38.5	60.3
Other**	-0.7	4.3
Danmarks Nationalbank's net foreign-exchange purchases	37.8	64.6
The central government's net foreign borrowing*** ...	-1.3	-18.6
Change in the foreign-exchange reserve	36.4	46.0

Note: Details may not add because of rounding.

* Intervention takes place when Danmarks Nationalbank purchases and sells foreign exchange for Danish kroner in the foreign-exchange market in order to stabilise the exchange rate.

** Comprises e.g. interest accrued on the foreign-exchange reserve, the central government's net payments in foreign exchange, and changes in the banks' deposits in euro-denominated accounts at Danmarks Nationalbank.

*** Including net payments to the central government in foreign exchange as a result of currency swaps.

DEVELOPMENT IN LIQUIDITY

In May, the central government's net financing requirement amounted to kr. 4.0 billion. Since the turn of the year, the central government's net financing requirement has been kr. 47.1 billion, cf. table 2.

The net position of the banks and mortgage-credit institutes vis-à-vis Danmarks Nationalbank increased by kr. 26.5 billion in May, to an outstanding amount of kr. 136.6 billion. In May Danmarks

Nationalbank's net foreign-exchange purchases increased the net position by kr. 37.8 billion.

IMPACT OF VARIOUS FACTORS ON THE NET POSITION OF THE BANKS AND MORTGAGE-CREDIT INSTITUTES VIS-À-VIS DANMARKS NATIONALBANK – TABLE 2		
Kr. billion	May 2010	January-May 2010
The central government's net financing	4.0	47.1
Redemption on domestic central-government debt [*] ...	1.1	14.8
Other ^{**}	-0.7	15.5
The central government's gross domestic financing requirement	4.4	77.4
The central government's gross domestic borrowing ^{**}	15.1	84.4
The central government's liquidity impact	-10.7	-7.0
Danmarks Nationalbank's net foreign-exchange purchases	37.8	64.6
Danmarks Nationalbank's net bond purchases	0.9	0.7
Other factors ^{***}	-1.5	-5.7
Change in net position	26.5	52.5

Note: Details may not add because of rounding.

* Including krone-denominated payments by the central government in currency swaps.

** Comprises, *inter alia*, net bond purchases by the Social Pension Fund, the High-Technology Foundation and the Financing Fund for increased distributions from the Danish National Research Foundation.

*** Gross long-term borrowing, net short-term borrowing and krone-denominated payments to the central government in currency swaps.

**** Comprises e.g. changes in banknotes and coins in circulation.

DANMARKS NATIONALBANK'S INTEREST RATES

Since 27 May 2010 the rate of interest on certificates of deposit has been 0.50 per cent and the current-account interest rate 0.40 per cent. Since 15 January the discount rate has been 0.75 per cent and the lending rate 1.05 per cent.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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