FEDERAL BUDGET AND FISCAL POLICY FIGURES AND INFORMATION

# **Abstract of the Federal Ministry of Finance's Monthly Report**

### July 2012

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TRENDS IN THE FEDERAL BUDGET

### Trends in the federal budget

#### Trends in the federal budget

	Actual December 2011	Estimated 2012 <sup>1</sup>	Provisional outturn <sup>2</sup> January to June 2012
Expenditure (€ bn)	296.2	312.7	148.0
Infra-annual change in % against the previous year			-1.5
Revenue (€ bn)	278.5	280.2	129.7
Infra-annual change in % against the previous year			1.4
Tax revenue (€ bn)	248.1	252.2	119.1
Infra-annual change in % against the previous year			2.5
Financial deficit (€ bn)	-17.7	-32.5	-18.2
Cash shortfall (€ bn)	-	-	-1.6
Adjusted for revenue from coin (€ bn)	-0.3	-0.4	-0.1
Net borrowing/current financial market balance (€ bn)	-17.3	-32.1	-16.5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes 2012 supplementary budget following second and third reading in the Bundestag.

#### Trend in expenditure

Federal expenditure from January to June 2012 inclusive amounted to €148.0bn. This was €2.3bn (−1.5%) less than in the same period last year. While interest and labour market expenditures declined (by −€1.0bn and −€2.4bn, respectively) along with other types of spending, expenditures in other areas such as the 2020 Higher Education Pact posted increases.

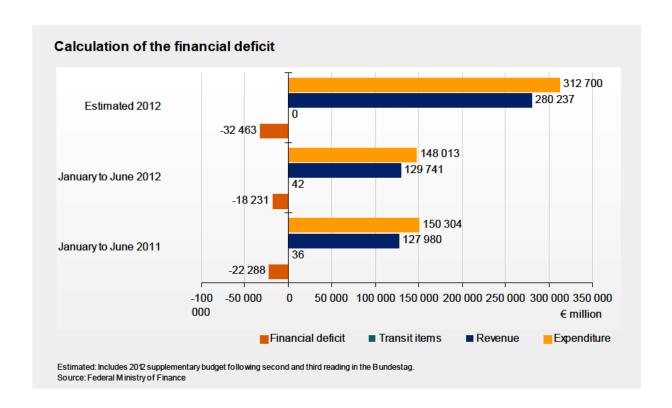
#### Trend in revenue

At €129.7bn, federal revenue up to and including June 2012 was roughly €1.8bn (+1.4%) higher than the total for the same period last year. The revenue from taxes amounted to €119.1bn, which was €2.9bn (+2.5%) above last year's figure for the period. In contrast, administrative revenue fell by €1.1bn (-9.3%). This drop can be attributed mainly to a decline in the Bundesbank's profits, which were down by about €1.6bn compared with last year.

#### Financial balance

At this stage of the year, figures on the financial balance hold little indicative value. No reliable forecast for the remaining course of the year can be derived from the individual budget items or from the current fiscal deficit of −€18.2bn.

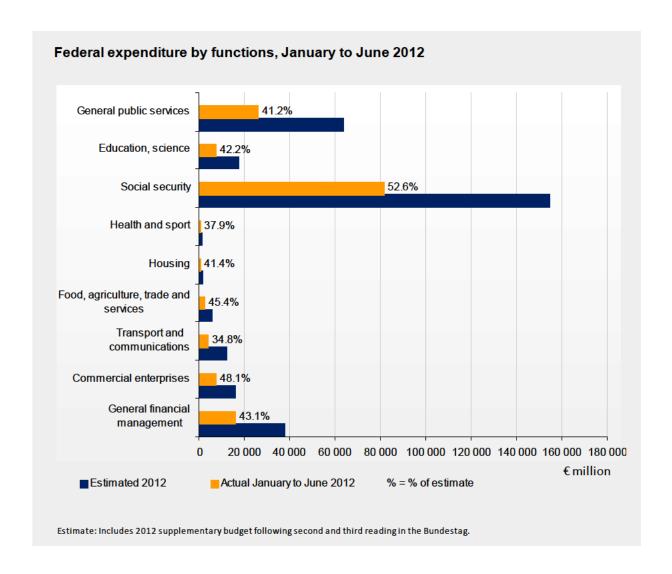
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As per accounts.



#### Trends in federal expenditure by functions

	Actual D	ecember	Estin	nated <sup>1</sup>	Ac	tual	Infra-annual
	20	011	20	012	January to June 2011	January to June 2012	change in % against the previous year
	€m	Share in %	€m	Share in %	in M	lio. €	
General public services	54 407	18.4	63 904	20.4	25 546	26 354	+3.2
Economic cooperation and development	5 931	2.0	6 292	20	2 618	2 891	+10.4
Defence	31 710	10.7	31 734	10.1	15 133	15 629	+33
Government, central administration	6 369	2.2	5 798	19	2 989	2 860	-43
Revenue administration	3 754	1.3	4 326	1.4	1 759	1 856	+55
Education, science, research, cultural affairs	16 086	5.4	17 994	5.8	6 915	7 600	+9.9
Fed. Education and Training Grants Act	1 584	0.5	1 763	06	918	928	+1.1
Research and development	9 361	3.2	10 083	32	3 308	3 591	+8 6
Social security, war-related social tasks, indemnification	155 255	52.4	154 880	49.5	84 116	81 539	-3.1
Social security	77 976	26.3	78 711	25 2	44 217	44 762	+12
Loan/subsidy to the Federal Employment	8 046	2.7	7 238	23	5 160	3 514	-31 9
Agency Basic allowance for jobseekers	33 035	11.2	32 735	10 5	16 571	15 808	-46
of which: Unemployment benefit II	19 384	6.5	19 370	62	10 102	9 879	-22
Unemployment benefit II, government housing and heating allowances	4 855	1.6	4 900	16	2 375	2 452	+32
Housing allowance	745	0.3	650	02	417	308	-26.1
Upbringing allowance	4 712	1.6	4 904	16	2 432	2 477	+19
War pensions, war pensioners' welfare	1 684	0.6	1 613	05	944	849	-10.1
Health, environment, sport, recreation	1 335	0.5	1 548	0.5	542	587	+8.3
Housing, regional planning and local community services	2 033	0.7	2 066	0.7	757	855	+12.9
Housing	1 366	0.5	1 387	0.4	658	715	+8.7
Food, agriculture and forestry as well as energy and water supply, trade, services	5 656	1.9	5 672	1.8	2 828	2 573	-9.0
Regional promotion	937	0.3	635	02	279	193	-30 8
Coal-mining	1 349	0.5	1 200	0.4	1 350	1 182	-12.4
Guarantees	797	0.3	1 500	05	321	368	+14 6
Transport and communications	11 645	3.9	12 384	4.0	4 521	4 314	-4.6
Roads (excl. Local Transport Finance Act)	6 115	2.1	6 126	20	1 938	1 769	-8.7
Commercial enterprises, general real property and capital assets	15 986	5.4	16 407	5.2	7 747	7 888	+1.8
Federal railways fund	5 020	1.7	5 239	1.7	2 337	2 305	-1.4
Railroads of the federation / Deutsche Bahn AG	4 037	1.4	4 016	13	1 579	1 600	+13
General financial management	33 825	11.4	37 846	12.1	17 332	16 304	-5.9
Interest expenditure	32 800	11.1	34 207	10 9	16 891	15 844	-62
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	296 228	100.0	312 700	100.0	150 304	148 013	-1.5

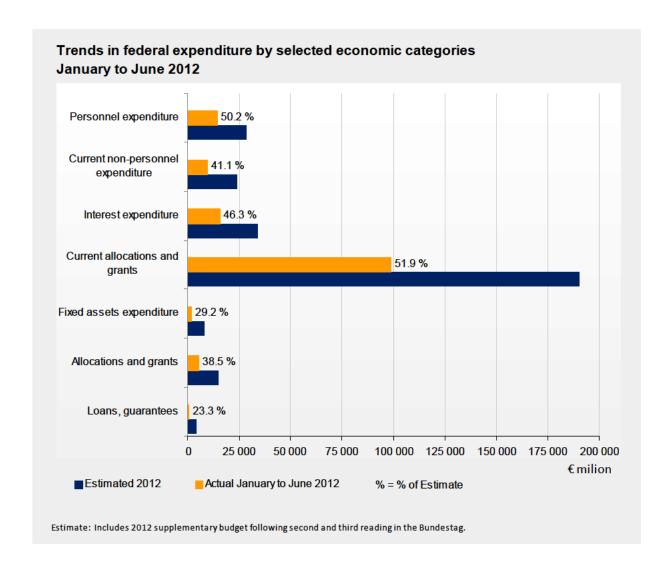
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#### Trends in federal expenditure by economic categories

	Actual E	)ecember	Es in	nated <sup>1</sup>	Act	ual	Infra-annua
	20	011	20	)12	January to June 2011	January to June 2012	change in 9 against he
	€m	Share in %	€m	Share in %	in M	io.€	,
Consumption expenditure	270 850	91.4	277 293	88.7	140 968	139 026	-1.4
Personnel expenditure	27 856	9.4	28 497	9.1	14 682	14 303	-2.6
- Pay	20 702	7.0	21 349	6.8	10 798	10 370	-4.0
- Pensions	7 154	2.4	7 147	2.3	3 884	3 933	+1.3
Current non-personnel expenditure	21 946	7.4	23 828	7.6	8 884	9 801	+10.3
- Administrative expenditure	1 545	0.5	1 283	0.4	696	548	-21.3
- Military procurement	10 137	3.4	10 673	3.4	4 066	4 055	-0.3
- Other	10 264	3.5	11 871	3.8	4 122	5 199	+26.1
Interest expenditure	32 800	11.1	34 207	10.9	16 891	15 844	-6.2
Current allocations and grants	187 554	63.3	190 295	60.9	100 298	98 852	-1.4
- To authorities	15 930	5.4	17 600	5.6	7 420	7 211	-2.8
- Other	171 624	57.9	172 696	55.2	92 989	91 691	-1.4
of which							
Private enterprises	23 882	8.1	25 106	8.0	12 153	12 004	-1.2
Pensions, assistance etc.	26 718	9.0	26 931	8.6	13 988	13 765	-1.6
Social insurance funds	115 398	39.0	113 678	36.4	64 314	62 421	-2.9
Other capital transfers	695	0.2	467	0.1	214	226	+5.6
nvestment expenditure	25 378	8.6	35 650	11.4	9 335	8 988	-3.7
Financial aid	18 202	6.1	27 653	8.8	7 072	6 655	-5.9
- Allocations and grants	14 589	4.9	14 734	4.7	5 550	5 670	+2.2
- Loans, guarantees	2 825	1.0	4 231	1.4	894	985	+10.2
- Participations, capital contributions	788	0.3	8 687	2.8	628	0	-100.0
Fixed assets expenditure	7 175	2.4	7 997	2.6	2 264	2 333	+3.0
- Building and construction	5 814	2.0	6 519	2.1	1 889	1 938	+2.6
- Acquisition of movable property	869	0.3	899	0.3	298	310	+4.0
- Acquisition of real property	492	0.2	578	0.2	<b>7</b> 6	85	+11.8
General reduction/increase in expenditure	0	0.0	- 243	-0.1	0	0	
Total expenditure	296 228	100.0	312 700	100.0	150 304	148 013	-1.5

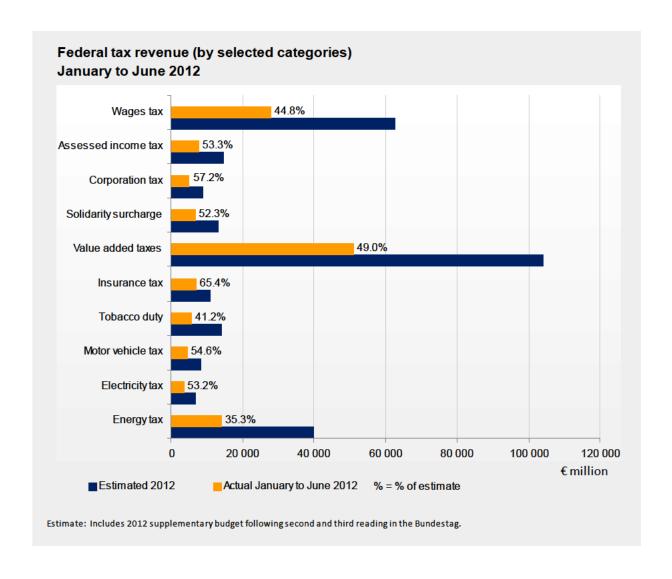
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#### Trends in federal revenue

	Actual D	ecember ecember	Estin	nated <sup>1</sup>	Act	tual	Infra-annua
	20	011	20	)12	January to June 2012	January to June 2012	change in % against he previous year
	€m	Share in %	€m	Share in %	in M	lio.€	previous yea
I. Tax revenue	248 066	89.1	252 223	90.0	116 269	119 123	+2.5
Federal share of joint taxes:	196 908	70.7	204 546	73.0	96 591	100 514	+4.1
revenue from individual and corporate income taxes (incl. interest income deduction) on which:	93 488	33.6	98 887	35.3	45 746	49 066	+7.3
- Wages tax	59 475	21.4	62 666	22.4	26 657	28 078	+5.3
- Assessed income tax	13 599	4.9	14 717	5.3	6 852	7 848	+14.5
- Non-Assessed taxes on earnings	9 068	3.3	8 825	3.1	6 685	5 729	-14.3
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- interest income deduction	3 529	1.3	3 529	1.3	2 203	2 177	-1.2
- Corporation tax	7 817	2.8	9 150	3.3	3 350	5 233	+56.2
Value added taxes (VAT)	101 899	36.6	104 080	37.1	50 387	51 015	+1.2
Trade tax appor ionment	1 520	0.5	1 579	0.6	458	433	-5.5
Energy tax	40 036	14.4	39 950	14.3	14 459	14 113	-2.4
Tobacco duty	14 414	5.2	14 200	5.1	6 193	5 855	-5.5
Solidarity surcharge	12 781	4.6	13 300	4.7	6 522	6 952	+6.6
Insurance tax	10 755	3.9	11 000	3.9	6 886	7 192	+4.4
Electricity tax	7 247	2.6	6 920	2.5	3 744	3 680	-1.7
Motor vehicle tax	8 422	3.0	8 400	3.0	4 564	4 585	+0.5
Nuclear fuel tax	922	0.3	1 470	0.5	0	663	X
Spirits duty	2 151	0.8	2 121	0.8	1 057	1 067	+0.9
Coffee duty	1 028	0.4	1 040	0.4	521	523	+0.4
Aviation tax	905	0.3	960	0.3	348	421	+21.0
Supplemental grants to Länder	-12 110	-4.3	-11 283	-4.0	-6 104	-5 671	-7.1
EU GNP own resources	-18 003	-6.5	-22 760	-8.1	-9 856	-11 784	+19.6
EU VAT-based own resources	-1 890	-0.7	-2 030	-0.7	- 916	-1 191	+30.0
Allocations to Länder for short-haul public transport	-6 980	-2.5	-7 085	-2.5	-3 490	-3 542	+1.5
Grants to the Länder for motor vehicle tax and HGV toll	-8 992	-3.2	-8 992	-3.2	-4 496	-4 496	+0.0
II. Other revenue	30 455	10.9	28 014	10.0	11 710	10 617	-9.3
Revenue from economic activity	4 971	1.8	4 244	1.5	3 602	2 518	-30.1
Interest revenue	483	0.2	519	0.2	125	107	-14.4
Return on loans, participa ions, privatization revenue	5 267	1.9	6 713	2.4	1 276	1 351	+5.9
Total revenue	278 520	100.0	280 237	100.0	127 980	129 741	+1.4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes 2012 supplementary budget following second and hird reading in the Bundestag.



TRENDS IN GENERAL GOVERNMENT TAX REVENUE

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2012	June	Change on the		Change on the		Change on the
	in € m	year in %	June in € m	year in %	estimates in € m <sup>4</sup>	year in %
Joint taxes	III € III	111 70	mem	111 70	m€m	111 70
Wages tax <sup>2</sup>	13 077	+76	70 253	+5.5	147 450	+5.5
Assessed income tax	9 163	+65	18 466	+14.5	34 700	+8.5
Non-assessed taxes on earnings	4 104	+205.1	12 100	-95	17 650	-2.7
Interest income deduction	507	+3.8		-05	8 020	+0.0
Corporation tax	5 235	+3.8	5 116 10 466	+56 2	18 300	+17.1
•	14 663	+1.4 -5.5	95 566	+30 2	196 350	+17.1
Value added taxes (VAT)	14 003	-5 5 -44 0	1 044	-5.5	3 811	+3.8
Trade tax apportionment Increased trade tax apportionment	1	-44 0 -45.4	892	-6.4	3 239	+0.6
•	46 752	+8.0	213 904			
Total joint taxes	40 / 32	+8.0	213 904	+5.1	429 520	+4.6
Federal taxes	2 200	E 4	44.443	2.4	20.050	
Energy tax	3 300	-5.4	14 113	-2.4	39 950	-0.2 -1.5
Tobacco duty	1 163	+13 3	5 855	-55	14 200	
Spirits duty	164	-38	1 066	+10	2 120	-1.4
Insurance tax	549	+12	7 192	+4.4	11 000	+2.3
Electricity duty	843	+133	3 680	-1.7	6 920	-4.5
Motor vehicle tax	687	-28	4 585	+0 5	8 400	-0.3
Aviation tax	83	+25	421	+21 0	960	+6.1
Nuclear fuel tax	344	Х	663	Х	1 470	+59.4
Solidarity surcharge	1 769	+11.1	6 952	+6 6	13 300	+4.1
Other federal taxes	118	-8 5	767	+0 0	1 507	+0.3
Total federal taxes	9 019	+6.4	45 294	+1.7	99 827	+0.7
Länder taxes						
Inheritance tax	294	-14 3	2 029	-11 8	4 280	+0.8
Real property transfer tax	563	+86	3 559	+17 9	7 330	+15.2
Lottery and sports betting tax	108	+0.4	716	-0 9	1 419	-0.1
Beer duty	71	-1.7	337	-1.4	700	-0.3
Other Länder taxes	25	+13 9	243	+4.5	378	+4.6
Total Länder taxes	1 060	-0.2	6 884	+4.1	14 107	+7.7
EU own resources						
Customs duty	338	-96	2 139	-32	4 750	+3.9
VAT-based own resources	80	-10 6	1 191	+30.1	2 030	+7.4
GDP-based own resources	811	-16 3	11 784	+19 6	22 760	+26.4
Total EU own resources	1 230	-14.2	15 114	+16.4	29 540	+20.8
Federation <sup>3</sup>	28 013	+8.9	121 330	+2.8	252 254	+1.7
Länder <sup>3</sup>	24 237	+7.4	115 947	+4.5	234 206	+4.4
EU	1 230	-14.2	15 114	+16.4	29 540	+20.8
Municipalities' share of income tax and value- added tax	3 690	+6.0	15 829	+6.3	32 204	+5.5
Total tax revenue (excluding	57 169	+7.5	268 220	+4.4	548 204	+4.0

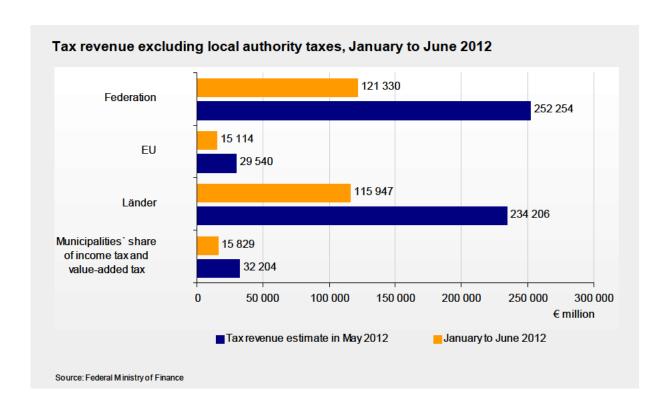
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Method: Recording the total cash income of the individual taxes and distributing these to the various levels as set out by law. For technical reasons, the tax amounts actual received in the current month from the individual territorial subdivisions may differ from the amounts budgeted.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> After deduction of child benefit refunds by the Bundeszentralamt für Finanzen.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> After supplementary grants; deviation from Table 1.3 on account of the method.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Result of the Working Party on Tax Revenue Estimates in May 2012.

TRENDS IN GENERAL GOVERNMENT TAX REVENUE



#### Tax revenue of the Federation and *Länder* in June 2012

Tax revenue (excluding local authority taxes) increased in June 2012 by 7.5% on the year. A breakdown of this figure shows year-on-year increases of 8.0% in joint taxes and 6.4% in taxes accruing solely to the Federation, while taxes accruing solely to the Länder registered a decline of 0.2%. June is a high-revenue month due to the deadlines for prepayments of assessed income tax and corporation tax. However, the marked increase in tax revenue compared with the previous June was attributable primarily to wages tax and non-assessed taxes on earnings. An unexpectedly pronounced decline in VAT revenue had a dampening impact on receipts. The cumulative tax revenue for January-June 2012 was up by 4.4% on the year. After taking supplementary federal grants (to Länder with below-average tax receipts) into account, the Federation's June tax take grew at a faster pace (+8.9%) than that of the Länder (+7.4%).

Cumulative totals for the period from January to June 2012 continue to show a solid plus, with tax yields for the Federation and Länder up 2.8% and 4.5%, respectively.

Cash receipts from wages tax in June 2012 were up 7.6% over the same month last year. In June, gross revenue from wages tax (before deduction of child benefit) posted its strongest increase for the year to date (+6.4%) after a rather disappointing gain in May (+3.1%). Tax yields can be expected to increase due to the distorting impact of last year's baseline figure together with various wage agreements and the continued expansion of employment. The volume of child benefit payments rose by 1.6%. Cash receipts from wages tax registered a 5.5% increase for the period from January to June 2012.

TRENDS IN GENERAL GOVERNMENT TAX REVENUE

Cash receipts from assessed income tax rose by 6.5% in June 2012. Gross revenue from assessed income tax grew at an even faster clip, up 7.4% compared with June 2011. The gain was driven by an over 8% increase in prepayments, while refunds (excluding employee refunds) and back payments remained virtually unchanged on balance. Refunds to employed persons assessed for income tax increased by 13.1%. For the period from January to June 2012, the rise in cash receipts was up markedly by 14.5%.

Cash receipts from corporation tax posted a gain of only 1.4% in June 2012. Despite a roughly 7% increase in prepayments, net receipts rose by only 1.5% since refunds rose as well. Gross receipts were reduced by approximately €60m in paid-out investment allowances. At €10.5bn, cash receipts for the January-May 2012 period were up markedly from €6.7bn for the same period in 2011.

Cash receipts from non-assessed taxes on earnings in June rose to €4.1bn compared with €1.3bn last June. The revenue losses (especially in May) resulting from the introduction of a new settlement procedure as of 1 January 2012 were largely balanced out in June, and the next two months are also likely to see higher yields due to the new system. Refunds paid out by the Federal Central Tax Office were down by 20.8% compared with June 2011. Cash receipts from non-assessed taxes on earnings totalled €12.1bn for the January-June 2012 period, down from €13.4bn for the same period a year ago.

The volume of receipts from the final withholding tax on interest and capital gains was up 3.8% over June 2011. However, the figure for the period between January and June 2012 was down by 0.5% on the year.

VAT revenue in June 2012 was down 5.5% on the year. For the first time this year, import VAT receipts also posted a decline (2.8%) compared with a year ago. Receipts from (domestic) VAT fell by 6.6%, which is its steepest decline this year by far. For the entire period from January to June 2012, VAT yield is up overall by just 2.2% in year-on-year terms. However, given the stability of the domestic economy, the results posted in June should not be overstated; it is likely that VAT revenue will continue to trend upward overall.

Taxes accruing solely to the Federation in June 2012 were up by a solid 6.4% over last year's level The main factors contributing to this positive development were gains in tobacco duty (+13.3%), the solidarity surcharge (+11.1%), electricity duty (+13.3%) and insurance tax (+1.2%). Aviation tax registered a mild increase of 2.5%. Nuclear fuel duty payments totalled €343.5m in June (with cumulative revenue of €662.9m from January to June 2012). Of the taxes that are major revenue sources for the Federation, only energy duty posted a year-on-year decline in June (5.4%), which was due mainly to lower yields in the energy duty on natural gas (which were down by 39.7%). For the cumulative period of January-June 2012, the yearon-year increase in revenue from purely federal taxes was moderate, at 1.7%.

Revenue from taxes accruing solely to the Länder in June 2012 was down by 0.2% compared with June 2011. As was the case in May 2012, higher receipts from real property tax (+8.6%) were unable to balance out the sharp decline in inheritance tax receipts (14.3%). Gains were posted by fire protection tax (+7.9%) and betting and lottery tax (+0.4%), while beer duty receipts fell by 1.7%. Overall revenue from Länder taxes was up by 4.1% year-on-year for the period from January to June 2012.

FEDERAL BORROWING AND MARKET RESOURCES

### Federal borrowing and market resources

# Federal borrowing and market resources<sup>1</sup> Federal market resources after absorption of special fund debts

	As on	Increase	Decrease	As on
	30 April 2012			31 May 2012
		€	m	
Index Linked Bonds	48 000	1 500	0	49 500
Federal bonds <sup>2</sup>	650 736	5 000	0	655 736
Special federal bonds	203 000	5 000	0	208 000
Federal savings bonds <sup>3</sup>	7 778	26	190	7 613
Federal treasury notes	136 000	5 000	0	141 000
Treasury discount paper	52 066	6 998	6 959	52 106
Treasury financing paper <sup>4</sup>	392	19	33	379
German government day-bond	2 118	32	41	2 109
Loans against borrowers' notes	12 061	0	0	12 061
Treuhand medium-term notes	852	0	0	852
Total outstanding debt	1 113 004			1 129 356

#### By remaining term

	As on		As on
	30 April 2012		31 May 2012
		€m	
Short term (up to 1 year)	226 581		226 511
Medium term (1 year to 4 years)	362 000		367 003
Long term (over 4 years)	524 423		535 842
Total outstanding debt	1 113 004		1 129 356

For technical reasons the borrowing figures will be published with a delay of two months. The data for the time period up to and including December will therefore be published in the February monthly report.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 10-year and 30-year federal government bonds (Bunds) and euro equivalent of the bond denominated in US dollars

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Type A and type B federal savings notes (Bundesschatzbriefe)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> One-year and two-year federal treasury notes (Schätze)

PUBLICATION SCHEDULE OF THE MONTHLY REPORTS

	Budget framework	allocated amount as on 30 June 2012	allocated amount as on 30 June 2011
		€bn	
Export credit guarantees	135.0	122.1	115 9
Untied loans, direct foreign investments, loans of the EIB, KfW shareholding in EIF	50.0	41.4	37 3
Bilateral financial coopera ion projects	9.0	4.0	2.7
Food stockpiling	0.7	0.0	0 0
Domes ic guarantees	171.0	108.2	110.4
International financial ins itutions	62.0	56.1	55 9
Treuhandanstalt-successor organistions	1.2	1.0	10
Interest compensa ion guarantees	8.0	8.0	60
Guarantees for loans to Greece under the Currency Union Financial Stability Act of 7 May 2010	22.4	22.4	22.4
Loan guarantees under the Act on Guarantees pertaining to he European Stability Mechanism of 27 May 2010	211.0	95.3	92

# **Publication schedule of the Monthly Reports**

Monthly Report	Reporting period	Publication date
August 2012	July 2012	August 20, 2012
September 2012	August 2012	September 21, 2012
October 2012	September 2012	October 22, 2012
November 2012	October 2012	November 22, 2012
December 2012	November 2011	December 21, 2012

KEY DATES ON THE FISCAL POLICY AGENDA

## Key dates on the fiscal policy agenda

14-15 September 2012	Informal ECOFIN in Cyprus
8-9 October 2012	ECOFIN and Eurogroup in Luxembourg
12-14 October 2012	Annual Meetings of IMF and World Bank in Tokyo
18-19 October 2012	European Council in Brussels
4-5 November 2012	Meeting of G20 finance ministers and central bank governors in Mexico City
12-13 November 2012	ECOFIN and Eurogroup in Brussels