TREASURY ANNOUNCES MARKET FINANCING ESTIMATES

Today, the Treasury Department announced net borrowing of marketable debt for the April – June 2004 and July – September 2004 quarters.

	Estimated	End-of-Quarter	
Quarter	Borrowing	Cash Balance	
	(\$ billion)	(\$ billion)	
Apr-Jun 2004	\$38	\$45	
Jul-Sep 2004	\$91	\$35	

Since 1997, the average forecast error in net market borrowing for the current quarter is \$10 billion, of which \$1 billion is attributable to differences in the end-of-quarter cash balance. Similarly, the average forecast error for the following quarter is \$45 billion, of which \$10 billion is attributable to differences in the end-of-quarter cash balance.

The following tables display and reconcile the variation between forecasted and actual net marketable borrowing in the Jan - Mar 2004 quarter.

Quarter	Estimated Borrowing (\$ billions)	Actual Borrowing (\$ billions)	Estimated End-of-Quarter Cash Balance (\$ billions)	Actual End-of-Quarter Cash Balance (\$ billions)
Jan - Mar 2004	\$177	\$146	\$20	\$21

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Categories	Feb Estimate
Receipts	+\$30**
Outlays	+\$4
Non-Marketable	-\$2
Activity	
Change in Cash	-\$1
Balance	

^{**} includes tax refunds

Additional financing details relating to Treasury's Quarterly Refunding will be released at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, May 5.