

Ministero dell'Economia e delle Finanze

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Buy Back of Treasury Securities

The Ministry of Economy and Finance has carried out buy backs of Treasury Securities at market conditions, using the cash surpluses of the Treasury Account held at Bank of Italy.

The aforementioned transactions have caused the nominal debt stock to be reduced by 726 million euros.

Settlement dates are November 2005, 15 and 16 according to the following distribution by bond:

Bond	Nominal Amount (Euros)
IT0003162168 (CCT 01 Sep. 08)	20,000,000
IT0003263115 (CCT 01 Apr. 09)	360,000,000
IT0003219711 (CCT 01 Jul. 09)	216,000,000
IT0003384903 (CCT 01 Oct. 09)	130,000,000
Total	726,000,000

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