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**811★270. Ms O M C Maotwe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

Considering that the financial sector declares year-on-year profits in a State where the economy is not growing, and with high levels of unemployment, poverty and inequality which have widened in the past 15 years, what (a) total amount from the profits made by the financial sector is channelled back to government programmes that contribute to economic growth and the reduction of poverty, inequality and unemployment and (b) are the full details of the programmes?

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**REPLY:**

- (a) Company Income Tax (CIT) is levied on the taxable income (gross income less exemptions and allowable deductions) of companies and close corporations. In terms of CIT collections, the financial sector contribution is significant. According to the 2023 Tax Statistics publication from the South African Revenue Service (SARS), provisional CIT payments by the “Financing, insurance, real estate and business services” sector increased from R76.9 billion in the 2018/19 fiscal year to R95.4 billion in the 2022/23 fiscal year. As a share of total provisional CIT payments for these years, the sector contribution was 34.8 per cent and 27.4 per cent respectively.
- (b) These CIT payments made by the financial sector are collected by SARS and deposited into the National Revenue Fund. They form part of gross tax revenue collections, which is a key component of the overall budget fiscal framework each year. The details on expenditure and how funds are allocated are included in the annual Budget Review.