

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES**  
**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**  
**QUESTION NUMBER: 71 [CW78E]**  
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**71. Mr S F Du Toit (North West: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

- (1) (a) What is the breakdown for each transferred amount of the (i) R43,3 billion in the 2022/23 fiscal year and (ii) R79,8 billion in the 2023/24 fiscal year regarding the Southern African Customs Union agreement in terms of (aa) Customs Component, (bb) Excise Component, (cc) Development Component and (dd) Forecast Error adjustments;
- (2) (a) what are the amounts, (b) what is the methodology that was used to calculate each of the abovementioned (i) components and (ii) adjustments and (c) any other adjustments thus adding up to the said amounts? CW78E

**REPLY**

- (1) SACU payments information is publicly available, including the formula used to determine revenue share payments of Member States. The **Table 1** below is updated and published by SARS on annually.

It can be accessed at [2023-Tax-Statistics-Main-Publication-compressed.pdf \(sars.gov.za\)](https://sars.gov.za/2023-Tax-Statistics-Main-Publication-compressed.pdf) and information below is on page 310.

|                              | 2022/23               | 2023/24                  |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Customs Revenue</b>       |                       |                          |
| Botswana                     | 20 136 984 796        | 25 932 735 511           |
| Eswatini                     | 5 813 046 351         | 7 872 126 302,07         |
| Lesotho                      | 5 689 025 113         | 6 506 627 467,04         |
| Namibia                      | 16 313 941 603        | 18 029 729 308,11        |
| South Africa                 | 12 130 142 506        | 14 262 535 177,33        |
| <b>Total Customs</b>         | <b>60 083 140 369</b> | <b>72 603 753 765,55</b> |
| <b>Excise Revenue Share</b>  |                       |                          |
| Botswana                     | 2 017 268 252         | 2 321 748 624,20         |
| Eswatini                     | 502 566 757           | 600 548 687,63           |
| Lesotho                      | 250 707 253           | 334 019 321,77           |
| Namibia                      | 1 409 834 831         | 1 627 716 635,85         |
| South Africa                 | 37 850 430 009        | 49 835 854 406,19        |
| <b>Total Excise</b>          | <b>42 030 807 101</b> | <b>54 719 887 675,64</b> |
| <b>Development Component</b> |                       |                          |
| Botswana                     | 1 389 943 721         | 1 824 711 226,06         |
| Eswatini                     | 1 507 466 899         | 1 963 905 147,17         |
| Lesotho                      | 1 597 500 294         | 2 074 810 310,50         |
| Namibia                      | 1 471 020 187         | 1 925 191 544,92         |
| South Africa                 | 1 451 270 151         | 1 867 832 537,64         |

|                                    | 2022/23                | 2023/24                   |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Total Development Component</b> | <b>7 417 201 253</b>   | <b>9 656 450 766,29</b>   |
| Total CRP Forecast                 | <b>109 531 148 724</b> | <b>136 980 092 207,49</b> |
| Error Adjustment                   | -31 459 969 478        | 22 470 363 984            |
| Total Revenue Shares               | <b>78 071 179 245</b>  | <b>159 450 456 191,49</b> |

**Table 1: Detailed breakdown of the revenue shares from the Common Revenue Pool**

*Source: National Treasury, SACU Model, 2024*

On the adjustments that were made for the two Financial Years of forecast error adjustments:

- The total amount for FY2022/23 was adjusted by R14.4 billion from the original forecast of R58.1 billion as approved by Council in December 2021. Of this total adjustment the payments to BELN countries amounted to R43.3 billion.
- The amount for FY2023/24 was adjusted by R8.7 billion from the original forecast of R71 billion as approved by Council in December 2022. Of this total adjustment the payments to BELN countries amounted to R79.8 billion.
- The SACU Revenue Sharing Formula and revenue shares are calculated based on a forecast of the CRP. Adjustments in respect of differences between forecasted estimates and actual revenue collected in year (t) are then made in years (t+2).
- The R43,3 billion in FY2022/23 accounted for a downward adjustment of R14.5 billion for BELN payments as the difference between the forecasted estimate and the actual revenue collected.
- The R79,8 billion in FY2023/24 included an upward revision of R8.7 billion for BELN payments as the difference between the forecasted estimate and the actual revenue collected.

**(2) Customs revenue:** this component is distributed based on each member state's share of intra-SACU imports.

**Excise revenue:** 85 per cent of the excise revenue is based on each member's gross domestic product (GDP) as a percentage of total SACU GDP; and

**Development component:** this consists of 15 per cent of the excise revenue and is distributed to member states equally, with a small adjustment for each member's GDP per capita.