**National Assembly**

**Question No. 645**

 **Mr K P Sithole (IFP) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

What is the breakdown of the total amount in income that the tolls on the national road between Johannesburg and Durban generate per (a) month and (b) year? NW763E

 **REPLY**

Important to note that toll income from toll roads are used to:

* Repay the debt raised to fund the capital cost of the initial road construction works and other major capital costs implemented during the life of the project (typically 30 years) to ensure that there is sufficient road capacity to cater for increasing traffic demand.
* Cover the cost of road maintenance including pavement rehabilitation and resurfacing to ensure the economic sustainability of this crucial national asset over the life of the project.
* Operation and maintenance of the toll collection system, including the toll plazas over the life of the project.
* Undertake routine maintenance including grass cutting, minor road repairs, road marking and signage over the life of the project.
* Provide route patrols including incident management, emergency response and road user assistance over the life of the project.

(a)(b) Toll revenue along the National Route 3 (N3) per month and year are derived as follow:

* SANRAL – Marrianhill toll plaza - This is state toll road driven by Government with no profit objective, and
* N3TC Concession - De Hoek Plaza, Wilge Plaza, Tugela Plaza, Mooi River Plaza and associated ramp plazas. – This is a 30-year concession with the private sector to secure off balance sheet funding and investment into infrastructure, with the associated private sector investor Return on Investment (ROI) objectives. Returns are however regulated through the concession agreement.

The monthly breakdown for 2019/20 audited financial year is provided in the Table below. The 2019/20 audited financial year is used since 2020/21 audited figures are not yet available. The 2020/21 numbers are expected to be approximately 25% lower due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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| **(a) Month** | **SANRAL** | **Concession** | **Total** |
| Jan-19 |  R 20 648 213.00  |  R 153 991 519.00  |  R 174 639 732.00  |
| Feb-19 |  R 19 574 170.00  |  R 145 981 460.00  |  R 165 555 630.00  |
| Mar-19 |  R 23 042 389.00  |  R 171 846 953.00  |  R 194 889 342.00  |
| Apr-19 |  R 22 039 547.00  |  R 164 367 896.00  |  R 186 407 443.00  |
| May-19 |  R 22 988 554.00  |  R 171 445 459.00  |  R 194 434 013.00  |
| Jun-19 |  R 22 941 076.00  |  R 171 091 378.00  |  R 194 032 454.00  |
| Jul-19 |  R 23 778 803.00  |  R 177 339 031.00  |  R 201 117 834.00  |
| Aug-19 |  R 23 931 447.00  |  R 178 477 429.00  |  R 202 408 876.00  |
| Sep-19 |  R 22 814 467.00  |  R 170 147 146.00  |  R 192 961 613.00  |
| Oct-19 |  R 24 179 326.00  |  R 180 326 076.00  |  R 204 505 402.00  |
| Nov-19 |  R 23 469 829.00  |  R 175 034 742.00  |  R 198 504 571.00  |
| Dec-19 |  R 23 059 412.00  |  R 171 973 911.00  |  R 195 033 323.00  |
| **(b) Total 2019/20 FY** | R 272 467 233.00 | R 2 032 023 000.00 | R 2 304 490 233.00 |