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Sasria fund could go to TRC for reparations

THE suggestion that the government use part of the R9 billion Sasria (South African Special Risk Insurance Agency) fund to finance reparations for the victims of apartheid human rights abuses is among options the Ministry of Finance is considering.

In an interview with Sapa yesterday, Ms Jennifer Wilson said finance officials were considering how best to dispose of the assets of Sasria.

In a submission to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in Johannesburg on Wednesday, the Afrikaanse Handelsinstituut suggested that part of the fund, which was raised to compensate victims

of political violence under apartheid, should be redirected to the commission's reparation committee.

The Congress of South African Banks supported the proposal. The TRC has said it needs more than R3 billion for reparations.

"We have not met officials of the TRC over the proposal but it could also be part of a wider investi-

gation that we are carrying out," Ms Wilson said.

"There has also been a suggestion from the Ministry of Transport that the fund be used for a motor vehicle insurance fund."

Another suggestion was that the fund be used to bring down the country's debt commitments. - Sapa.

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