

On how many of the government programs that directly supported banks during the financial crisis will the government make a profit?

- a. 12%
- b. 45%
- c. 77%
- d. 100%

The correct answer is d. The government will make a profit on every government program that directly supported banks during the financial crisis.

“...assistance to banks, once thought to cost the taxpayers untold billions, is on track to actually reap billions in profit for the taxpaying public.”

— President Barack Obama, December 8, 2009

“[E]very one of its programs aimed at stabilizing the banking system...will earn a profit thanks to dividends, interest, early repayments, and the sale of warrants.”

U.S. Treasury press release, December 9, 2009

Our government has taken extraordinary actions to shore up our financial system and put our economy on the right track – actions that were difficult and often unpopular. Now we should all work together to reform our laws to make sure we have a stronger, safer financial system for the future. ABA supports the efforts, led by Chairman Dodd and Senator Shelby, to craft a bipartisan financial reform bill.

