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WRITTEN REPLY

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION 598

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Mrs Y N Yako (EFF) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:

(a) How many tonnes of Rooibos tea were produced in the country in each of the past five years and (b)(i) how many of the total produced tonnes were exported and (ii) at what Rand value? NW1595E

Reply

Neither the Department nor Statistics South Africa, the national statistics agency of South Africa collects data on the production or export of Rooibos tea.

The South African Rooibos Council, is an independent organization, which collects information from its stakeholders on the industry. According to the Rooibos Council, South Africa has produced and exported the following amounts of rooibos in each of the last five years:

Produced Rooibos tea during the past 5 past years:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Quantity in tonnes</i>	
	<i>Annual production</i>	<i>Annual export</i>
2014	12 500	7 057
2015	11 500	6 561
2016	12 700	6 417
2017	13 000	7 728
2018	14 000	7 235

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