

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 2372

Ms N M Mhlongo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

What is the breakdown of the (a) ownership and (b) demographics of companies exporting (i) natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metals and articles thereof, imitation jewellery, coin, (ii) vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment, (iii) base metals and articles of base metal, (iv) mineral products, (v) products of the chemical or allied industries and (vi) machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders and producers, television image and sound recorders and producers and parts and accessories of such articles to the United States of America? NW2715E

REPLY:

With regards to the breakdown of the (a) ownership and (b) demographics of companies exporting, the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (**the dtic**) does not have access to this information. Exporters are required to register with the South African Revenue Services (SARS) and accordingly details of exporters at a firm level are captured by that authority. Due to third party confidentiality of personal information, SARS is unable to share such information with **the dtic**.

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