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THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 2462

Ms H Ismail (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

- (1) Regarding the bilateral trade between the Republic and Taiwan in the past 10 years, what (a) was the total Rand value of (i) South African exports to Taiwan and (ii) South African imports from Taiwan and (b) were the trade balances of the Republic with Taiwan;
- (2) What were the top 10 products (a) imported and (b) exported between Taiwan and the Republic with regard to the (i) Rand value and (ii) volume? NW2524E

REPLY:

- (1) (a)
 - (i) **South Africa's Exports to Taiwan (2016–2025)**
 - South Africa's exports to Taiwan totalled approximately R108.64 billion over the 10-year period.
 - (ii) **South Africa's Imports from Taiwan (2016–2025)**
 - South Africa's imports from Taiwan amounted to approximately R114.35 billion over the same period.
- (1) (b) **Trade Balance**
 - Over the 10-year period, South Africa recorded a cumulative trade deficit of approximately R5.71 billion with Taiwan.



(2) (a) Top 10 Products Imported from Taiwan (Rand Value):

South Africa's top imports from 2016–2025 were mainly technology products, machinery, plastics and electronic equipment. The top 10 South African products imported from Taiwan from 2016–2025 by cumulative rand value were:

- Machines for the reception and transmission of voice, images and data – approximately R10.9 billion over the period
- Polyethylene in primary forms – R2.9 billion
- Parts for automatic data-processing machines – R2.7 billion
- Commodities not elsewhere specified (of HS Chapter 99) – R2.2 billion
- Bicycles and delivery tricycles – about R1.7 billion
- Electrical lighting or visual signalling equipment for motor vehicles – R1.7 billion
- Solid-state storage devices – R1.4 billion
- Electronic integrated circuits as processors and controllers – R1.3 billion
- Epoxide resins – R1.1 billion
- Electronic integrated circuits – R1.1 billion

(2) (b) Top 10 South African Products Exported to Taiwan (Rand Value):

The top 10 South African products exported to Taiwan from 2016–2025 by cumulative rand value were:

- Bituminous coal – approximately R35.1 billion over the period
- Maize – R11.7 billion
- Motor cars and other motor vehicles – R6.2 billion
- Precious-metal ores and concentrates – R2.8 billion
- Motor vehicles for the transport of goods – R2.3 billion
- Non-alloy pig iron in pigs, blocks or other primary forms – R1.1 billion
- Copper ores and concentrates – R1.1 billion
- Polypropylene – R1.1 billion
- Fine animal hair, carded or combed – R1.0 billion
- Abalone – R0.8 billion



(i) Rand value of Top 10 imports and exports:

- The total rand value of Top 10 imports from Taiwan to South Africa for the period 2016-2025 was approximately R27.0 billion.
- The total rand value of Top 10 South African Exports to Taiwan for the period 2016-2025 was approximately R63 2 billion.

(ii) Volume of Top 10 imports and Exports:

- The total import volume over the 2016-2025 period is approximately 26 million tons/units.
- The total export volume for the period 2016–2025 was approximately 24 million tons.

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