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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 2643

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

- (1) What (a) total number of Taiwanese-owned and/or majority-Taiwanese-owned companies are currently operating in the Republic and (b) are the relevant details of the (i) names, (ii) year of establishment, (iii) location and (iv) sector of such companies, provided in the form of a list;
- (2) what total number of direct jobs have been created by Taiwanese companies in the Republic in the past five financial years;
- (3) what has been the total monetary value of Taiwanese foreign direct investment in the Republic in the past five financial years;
- (4) what total number of Taiwanese companies closed in the Republic in the past five financial years? NW2525E

REPLY:

- (1) (a) 178 companies with at least one Taiwanese-nationality director are currently registered in South Africa.

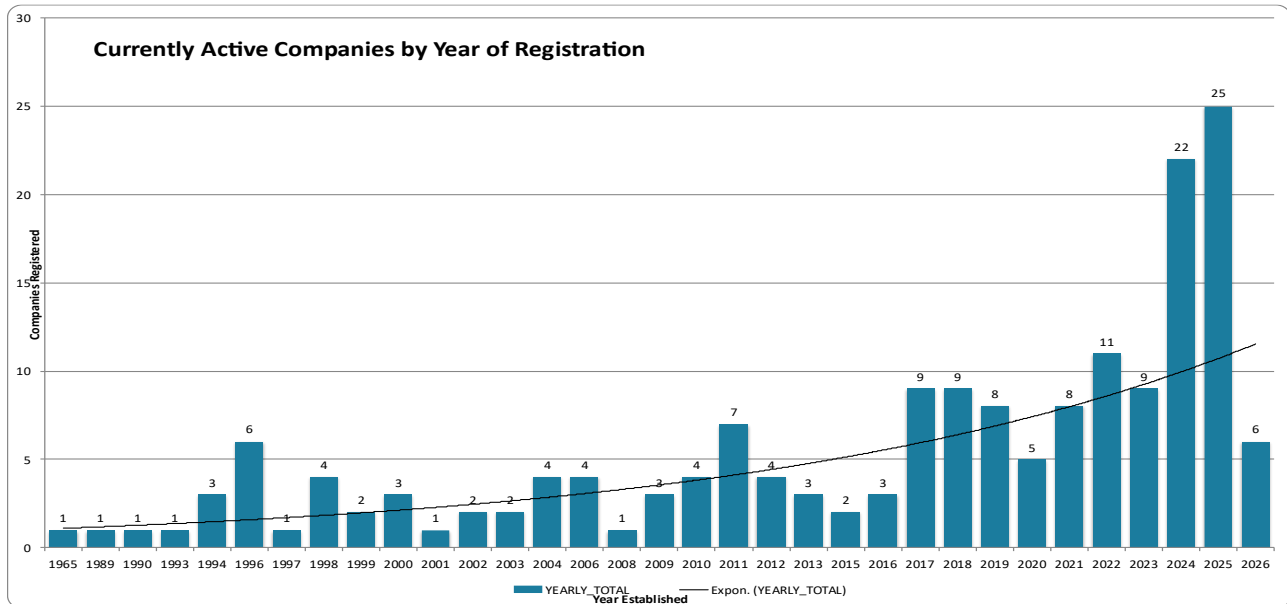
(b) (i) The list of 178 companies, is attached as **Annexure A**.

(ii) Below is an overall Graph of the year these companies were registered - and are still active (operational).



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(iii) The majority are concentrated in Gauteng (119), followed by KwaZulu-Natal (24).

Gauteng	119
KZN	24
Limpopo	1
Eastern Cape	5
Free State	15
Mpumalanga	0
Western Cape	14
Northern Cape	0

(iv) The sectors are included in the attached **Annexure A**.

- (2) According to the Global Taiwan Institute and the Taiwan Chamber of Commerce in SA, it is estimated that about 40 000 jobs have been created cumulatively by companies. This number has been decreasing due to factories or companies for example in the clothing and textile sector closing or downsizing as indicated in point 4.



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- (3) According to the Global Taiwan Institute, Taiwanese investment is estimated between \$ 1.7 billion and \$ 2 billion cumulatively.
- (4) **283 Taiwanese-linked companies** were closed in the past 5 financial years

Financial Year	Companies Closed
2020/21	18
2021/22	0
2022/23	84
2023/24	146
2024/25	35
Total	283

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