**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

 **QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**Question 2347**

**Ms N V Mente (EFF) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:**

1. What are the top five products in each category and Rand value that South Africa (a) imported and (b) exported in each of the past five years? NW2524E

**Reply:**

Although South Africa is a relatively diversified economy importing and exporting products from a number of different sectors including agriculture, mining and manufacturing, our export basket is still dominated by primary products from mining and agriculture.

The top 5 products from agriculture, mining and manufacturing South Africa imported over the past 5 years are as follows:

**Agricultural Products – Imports**

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| **Top 5 agricultural products SA imported from the world in the past 5 years** |
| **SA top 5 agricultural imports from the world** | **2013** | **SA top 5 agricultural imports from the world** | **2014** | **SA top 5 agricultural imports from the world** | **2015** | **SA top 5 agricultural imports from the world** | **2016** | **SA top 5 agricultural imports from the world** | **2017** |
| **R' million** | **R' million** | **R' million** | **R' million** | **R' million** |
| Rice: Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed | 6,281 | Durum wheat: Other | 5,004 | Durum wheat: Other | 6,016 | Rice: Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed | 5,975 | Rice: Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed | 6,015 |
| Durum wheat: Other | 3,702 | Rice: Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed | 4,390 | Rice: Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed | 5,361 | Maize (corn): Other | 4,586 | Durum wheat: Other | 4,369 |
| Cuts and offal, frozen:Other | 2,038 | Cuts and offal, frozen:Other | 2,282 | Palm nuts and kernels | 1,763 | Durum wheat: Other | 4,453 | Palm nuts and kernels | 2,345 |
| Not cut in pieces, frozen: Mechanically deboned meat | 712 | Not cut in pieces, frozen: Mechanically deboned meat | 728 | Maize (corn): Other | 1,673 | Dried kernels or grains fit for human consumption, not further prepared or processed and not packaged as seeds (excluding popcorn (Zea mays everta)) | 3,777 | Cattle: Other | 1,976 |
| Malt, whether or not roasted: Of barley | 591 | Sunflower seeds, whether or not broken | 632 | Cattle: Other | 1,063 | Palm nuts and kernels | 2,179 | Not cut in pieces, frozen: Mechanically deboned meat | 1,364 |

**Agricultural Products - Exports**

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| **Top 5 agricultural products SA Exported to the world in the past 5 years** |
| **SA top 5 agricultural export to the world** | **2013** | **SA top 5 agricultural export to the world** | **2014** | **SA top 5 agricultural export to the world** | **2015** | **SA top 5 agricultural export to the world** | **2016** | **SA top 5 agricultural export to the world** | **2017** |
| **R' million** | **R' million** | **R' million** | **R' million** | **R' million** |
| Maize (corn): Other |  6,467  | Oranges: Fresh |  6,542  | Oranges: Fresh |  7,609  | Oranges: Fresh |  8,807  | Oranges: Fresh |  10,002  |
| Oranges: Fresh |  5,660  | Grapes: Fresh |  5,392  | Grapes: Fresh |  6,126  | Grapes: Fresh |  6,408  | Grapes: Fresh |  7,209  |
| Apples |  4,282  | Maize (corn): Other |  4,318  | Apples |  4,861  | Apples |  5,274  | Maize (corn): Other |  5,018  |
| Grapes: Fresh |  4,260  | Apples |  3,838  | Lemons: Fresh |  3,066  | Lemons: Fresh |  3,869  | Apples |  4,981  |
| Pears |  1,853  | Lemons: Fresh |  2,470  | Pears |  2,062  | Maize (corn): Other |  3,844  | Lemons: Fresh |  3,882  |

**Mining Products – Imports**

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| **Top 5 mining products SA imported from the world over the past 5 years**  |
| **SA top 5 mining imports from the world** | **2013** | **SA top 5 mining imports from the world** | **2014** | **SA top 5 mining imports from the world** | **2015** | **SA top 5 mining imports from the world** | **2016** | **SA top 5 mining imports from the world** | **2017** |
| **R' million** | **R' million** | **R' million** | **R' million** | **R' million** |
| Precious metal ores and concentrates: Other | 1,363 | Coal, whether or not pulverised, but not agglomerated: Other coal | 1,140 | Coal, whether or not pulverised, but not agglomerated: Other coal | 1,221 | Coal, whether or not pulverised, but not agglomerated: Other coal | 1,396 | Coal, whether or not pulverised, but not agglomerated: Other coal | 2,320 |
| Coal, whether or not pulverised, but not agglomerated: Other coal | 1,014 | Portland cement: Other | 827 | Nickel ores and concentrates | 736 | Nickel ores and concentrates | 1,367 | Coal, whether or not pulverised, but not agglomerated: Bituminous coal | 1,610 |
| Iron ores and concentrates (excluding roasted iron pyrites): Agglomerated | 669 | Iron ores and concentrates (excluding roasted iron pyrites): Agglomerated | 684 | Portland cement: Other | 509 | Coal, whether or not pulverised, but not agglomerated: Bituminous coal | 408 | Iron ores and concentrates (excluding roasted iron pyrites): Agglomerated | 650 |
| Portland cement: Other | 628 | Coal, whether or not pulverised, but not agglomerated: Bituminous coal | 592 | Iron ores and concentrates (excluding roasted iron pyrites): Agglomerated | 469 | Natural magnesium carbonate (magnesite); fused magnesia; dead-burned (sintered) magnesia, whether or not containing small quantities of other oxides added before sintering; other magnesium oxide, whether or not pure: Other | 315 | Coal, whether or not pulverised, but not agglomerated: Other coal | 609 |
| Zinc ores and concentrates | 592 | Cobalt ores and concentrates | 320 | Coal, whether or not pulverised, but not agglomerated: Bituminous coal | 467 | Coal, whether or not pulverised, but not agglomerated: Bituminous coal | 303 | Sulphur of all kinds (excluding sublimed sulphur, precipitated sulphur and colloidal sulphur) | 372 |

**Mining Products – Exports**

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| **Top 5 mining products SA exported to the world over the past 5 years**  |
| **SA top 5 Mining exports to the world** | **2013** | **SA top 5 Mining exports to the world** | **2014** | **SA top 5 Mining exports to the world** | **2015** | **SA top 5 Mining exports to the world** | **2016** | **SA top 5 Mining exports to the world** | **2017** |
| **R' million** | **R' million** | **R' million** | **R' million** | **R' million** |
| Non-monetary: Other semi-manufactured forms (Gold) | 65,899 | Non-monetary: Other semi-manufactured forms (Gold) | 62,654 | Non-monetary: Other semi-manufactured forms (Gold) | 67,663 | Non-monetary: Other semi-manufactured forms (Gold) | 67,355 | Non-monetary: Other semi-manufactured forms (Gold) | 66,411 |
| Iron ores and concentrates (excluding roasted iron pyrites): Agglomerated | 41,221 | Iron ores and concentrates (excluding roasted iron pyrites): Agglomerated | 28,508 | Iron ores and concentrates (excluding roasted iron pyrites): Agglomerated | 23,624 | Coal, whether or not pulverised, but not agglomerated: Bituminous coal | 26,924 | Coal, whether or not pulverised, but not agglomerated: Bituminous coal | 30,330 |
| Iron ores and concentrates (excluding roasted iron pyrites): Non-agglomerated | 16,317 | Coal, whether or not pulverised, but not agglomerated: Bituminous coal | 20,159 | Coal, whether or not pulverised, but not agglomerated: Bituminous coal | 21,642 | Iron ores and concentrates (excluding roasted iron pyrites): Agglomerated | 19,992 | Iron ores and concentrates (excluding roasted iron pyrites): Agglomerated | 25,543 |
| Coal, whether or not pulverised, but not agglomerated: Bituminous coal | 15,020 | Iron ores and concentrates (excluding roasted iron pyrites): Non-agglomerated | 14,776 | Platinum: Unwrought or in powder form | 11,310 | Manganese ores and concentrates, including ferruginous manganese ores and concentrates with a manganese content of 20 per cent or more, calculated on the dry mass | 12,534 | Manganese ores and concentrates, including ferruginous manganese ores and concentrates with a manganese content of 20 per cent or more, calculated on the dry mass | 17,016 |
| Platinum: Other | 12,743 | Manganese ores and concentrates, including ferruginous manganese ores and concentrates with a manganese content of 20 per cent or more, calculated on the dry mass | 8,065 | Chromium ores and concentrates | 9,839 | Chromium ores and concentrates | 11,574 | Chromium ores and concentrates | 15,171 |

**Manufactured Products –Imports**

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| **Top 5 manufactured products SA imported from the world over the past 5 years** |
| **SA top 5 manufacturing imports from the world** | **2013** | **SA top 5 manufacturing imports from the world** | **2014** | **SA top 5 manufacturing imports from the world** | **2015** | **SA top 5 manufacturing imports from the world** | **2016** | **SA top 5 manufacturing imports from the world** | **2017** |
| **R' million** | **R' million** | **R' million** | **R' million** | **R' million** |
| Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude | 142,050 | Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude | 175,840 | Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude | 98,451 | Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude | 96,078 | Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude | 85,531 |
| Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals (excluding crude); | 42,457 | Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals (excluding crude); | 44,758 | Original equipment components: for motor cars (including station wagons) of heading 87.03 (excluding tyres) | 43,490 | Original equipment components: for motor cars (including station wagons) of heading 87.03 (excluding tyres) | 45,165 | Original equipment components: for motor cars (including station wagons) of heading 87.03 (excluding tyres) | 46,676 |
| Original equipment components: for motor cars (including station wagons) of heading 87.03 (excluding tyres) | 28,762 | Original equipment components: for motor cars (including station wagons) of heading 87.03 (excluding tyres) | 34,346 | Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals (excluding crude); | 38,202 | Original equipment components: For motor vehicles for the transport of goods of heading 87.04, of a vehicle mass not exceeding 2 000 kg or of a G.V.M. not exceeding 3 500 kg, or of a mass not exceeding 1 600 kg or of a G.V.M. not exceeding 3 500 kg per chassis fitted with a cab (excluding dumpers designed for off-highway use, shuttle cars and low construction flame-proof vehicles, for use in underground mines and off-the-road logging trucks; excluding tyres) | 27,070 | Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals (excluding crude); | 37,222 |
| Telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks: Designed for use when carried in the hand or on the person | 20,823 | Telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks: Designed for use when carried in the hand or on the person | 21,280 | Telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks: Designed for use when carried in the hand or on the person | 21,286 | Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals (excluding crude); | 23,355 | Original equipment components: For motor vehicles for the transport of goods of heading 87.04, of a vehicle mass not exceeding 2 000 kg or of a G.V.M. not exceeding 3 500 kg, or of a mass not exceeding 1 600 kg or of a G.V.M. not exceeding 3 500 kg per chassis fitted with a cab (excluding dumpers designed for off-highway use, shuttle cars and low construction flame-proof vehicles, for use in underground mines and off-the-road logging trucks; excluding tyres) | 26,442 |
| Motor cars of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1 500 cm³ but not exceeding 3 000 cm³: other  | 18,658 | Original equipment components: For motor vehicles for the transport of goods of heading 87.04, of a vehicle mass not exceeding 2 000 kg or of a G.V.M. not exceeding 3 500 kg, or of a mass not exceeding 1 600 kg or of a G.V.M. not exceeding 3 500 kg per chassis fitted with a cab (excluding dumpers designed for off-highway use, shuttle cars and low construction flame-proof vehicles, for use in underground mines and off-the-road logging trucks; excluding tyres) | 17,955 | Original equipment components: For motor vehicles for the transport of goods of heading 87.04, of a vehicle mass not exceeding 2 000 kg or of a G.V.M. not exceeding 3 500 kg, or of a mass not exceeding 1 600 kg or of a G.V.M. not exceeding 3 500 kg per chassis fitted with a cab (excluding dumpers designed for off-highway use, shuttle cars and low construction flame-proof vehicles, for use in underground mines and off-the-road logging trucks; excluding tyres) | 19,886 | Machines for the reception, conversion and transmission or regeneration of voice, images or other data, including switching and routing apparatus: other | 19,696 | Machines for the reception, conversion and transmission or regeneration of voice, images or other data, including switching and routing apparatus: other | 20,459 |

**Manufactured Products – Exports**

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| **Top 5 manufactured products SA exported to the world over the past 5 years**  |
| **SA top 5 manufacturing exports to the world** | **2013** | **SA top 5 manufacturing exports to the world** | **2014** | **SA top 5 Mining exports to the world** | **2015** | **SA top 5 manufacturing exports to the world** | **2016** | **SA top 5 manufacturing exports to the world** | **2017** |
| **R' million** | **R' million** | **R' million** | **R' million** | **R' million** |
| Vehicles of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1 500 cm³ but not exceeding 3 000 cm³: Other | 14,841 | Vehicles of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1 500 cm³ but not exceeding 3 000 cm³: Other | 12,246 | Ferro-chromium: Containing by mass more than 4 per cent of carbon | 16,570 | Ferro-chromium: Containing by mass more than 4 per cent of carbon | 17,646 | Vehicles of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1 500 cm³ but not exceeding 3 000 cm³: Other | 11,348 |
| Ferro-chromium: Containing by mass more than 4 per cent of carbon | 10,182 | Ferro-chromium: Containing by mass more than 4 per cent of carbon | 12,033 | Vehicles of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1 500 cm³ but not exceeding 3 000 cm³: Other | 12,888 | Vehicles of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1 500 cm³ but not exceeding 3 000 cm³: Other | 13,607 | Ferro-chromium: Containing by mass more than 4 per cent of carbon | 11,276 |
| Catalytic converters of a kind used for motor vehicles | 7,076 | Catalytic converters of a kind used for motor vehicles | 8,053 | Catalytic converters of a kind used for motor vehicles | 7,838 | Vehicles of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1 500 cm³ but not exceeding 2 500 cm³: Other | 11,574 | Vehicles of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1 500 cm³ but not exceeding 2 500 cm³: Other | 11,049 |
| Distillate fuel, as defined in Additional Note 1(g) | 4,590 | Distillate fuel, as defined in Additional Note 1(g) | 5,290 | Vehicles of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1 500 cm³ but not exceeding 2 500 cm³: Other | 7,092 | Catalytic converters of a kind used for motor vehicles | 8,826 | Catalytic converters of a kind used for motor vehicles | 8,886 |
| Palladium: Unwrought or in powder form | 4,439 | Vehicles of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1 500 cm³ but not exceeding 2 500 cm³: Other | 4,285 | Vehicles of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1 500 cm³ but not exceeding 2 500 cm³: Other | 6,740 | Other, double-cab, of a vehicle mass not exceeding 2 000 kg or a G.V.M. not exceeding 3 500 kg, or of a mass not exceeding 1 600 kg or a G.V.M. not exceeding 3 500 kg per chassis fitted with a cab | 6,258 | Palladium: Unwrought or in powder form | 7,689 |

**Other Manufactured – Imports**

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| **Top 5 other manufactured products SA imported from the world over the past 5 years** |
| **SA top 5 manufacturing imports from the world** | **2013** | **SA top 5 manufacturing imports from the world** | **2014** | **SA top 5 manufacturing imports from the world** | **2015** | **SA top 5 manufacturing imports from the world** | **2016** | **SA top 5 manufacturing imports from the world** | **2017** |
| **R' million** | **R' million** | **R' million** | **R' million** | **R' million** |
| Tricycles, scooters, pedal cars and similar wheeled toys; dolls' carriages; dolls; other toys; reduced-size ("scale") models and similar recreational models, working or not; puzzles of all kinds: Other | 1634 | Tricycles, scooters, pedal cars and similar wheeled toys; dolls' carriages; dolls; other toys; reduced-size ("scale") models and similar recreational models, working or not; puzzles of all kinds: Other | 1984 | Tricycles, scooters, pedal cars and similar wheeled toys; dolls' carriages; dolls; other toys; reduced-size ("scale") models and similar recreational models, working or not; puzzles of all kinds: Other | 2142 | Tricycles, scooters, pedal cars and similar wheeled toys; dolls' carriages; dolls; other toys; reduced-size ("scale") models and similar recreational models, working or not; puzzles of all kinds: Other | 2316 | Tricycles, scooters, pedal cars and similar wheeled toys; dolls' carriages; dolls; other toys; reduced-size ("scale") models and similar recreational models, working or not; puzzles of all kinds: Other | 2218 |
| Sanitary towels (pads) and tampons, napkins and napkin liners for babies and similar articles, of any material: Of paper pulp, paper, cellulose wadding or webs of cellulose fibres | 1040 | Sanitary towels (pads) and tampons, napkins and napkin liners for babies and similar articles, of any material: Of paper pulp, paper, cellulose wadding or webs of cellulose fibres | 1299 | Sanitary towels (pads) and tampons, napkins and napkin liners for babies and similar articles, of any material: Of paper pulp, paper, cellulose wadding or webs of cellulose fibres | 1284 | Sanitary towels (pads) and tampons, napkins and napkin liners for babies and similar articles, of any material: Of paper pulp, paper, cellulose wadding or webs of cellulose fibres | 1416 | Sanitary towels (pads) and tampons, napkins and napkin liners for babies and similar articles, of any material: Of paper pulp, paper, cellulose wadding or webs of cellulose fibres | 1483 |
| Games of skill or chance | 583 | Games of skill or chance | 831 | Games of skill or chance | 851 | Games of skill or chance | 939 | Games of skill or chance | 914 |
| Articles and equipment for general physical exercise, gymnastics or athletics | 477 | Video games consoles and machines (excluding those of subheading 9504.30): Other | 690 | Articles and equipment for general physical exercise, gymnastics or athletics | 669 | Articles and equipment for general physical exercise, gymnastics or athletics | 601 | Articles and equipment for general physical exercise, gymnastics or athletics | 626 |
| Video games consoles and machines (excluding those of subheading 9504.30): Other | 458 | Articles and equipment for general physical exercise, gymnastics or athletics | 569 | Video games consoles and machines (excluding those of subheading 9504.30): Other | 526 | Video games consoles and machines (excluding those of subheading 9504.30): Other | 561 | Video games consoles and machines (excluding those of subheading 9504.30): Other | 604 |

**Other Manufactured - Exports**

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| **Top 5 other manufactured products SA exported to the world over the past 5 years** |
| **SA top 5 manufacturing exports to the world** | **2013** | **SA top 5 manufacturing exports to the world** | **2014** | **SA top 5 Mining exports to the world** | **2015** | **SA top 5 manufacturing exports to the world** | **2016** | **SA top 5 manufacturing exports to the world** | **2017** |
| **R' million** | **R' million** | **R' million** | **R' million** | **R' million** |
| Sanitary towels (pads) and tampons, napkins and napkin liners for babies and similar articles, of any material: | 200 | Sanitary towels (pads) and tampons, napkins and napkin liners for babies and similar articles, of any material: | 259 | Sanitary towels (pads) and tampons, napkins and napkin liners for babies and similar articles, of any material: | 312 | Sanitary towels (pads) and tampons, napkins and napkin liners for babies and similar articles, of any material: | 377 | Of paper pulp, paper, cellulose wadding or webs of cellulose fibres | 419 |
| Sanitary towels (pads) and tampons, napkins and napkin liners for babies and similar articles, of any material: Other | 128 | Sanitary towels (pads) and tampons, napkins and napkin liners for babies and similar articles, of any material: Other | 203 | Of paper pulp, paper, cellulose wadding or webs of cellulose fibres | 279 | Of paper pulp, paper, cellulose wadding or webs of cellulose fibres | 345 | Sanitary towels (pads) and tampons, napkins and napkin liners for babies and similar articles, of any material: | 395 |
| Of paper pulp, paper, cellulose wadding or webs of cellulose fibres | 107 | Of paper pulp, paper, cellulose wadding or webs of cellulose fibres | 201 | Sanitary towels (pads) and tampons, napkins and napkin liners for babies and similar articles, of any material: Other | 207 | Sanitary towels (pads) and tampons, napkins and napkin liners for babies and similar articles, of any material: Other | 250 | Sanitary towels (pads) and tampons, napkins and napkin liners for babies and similar articles, of any material: Other | 206 |
| Ink-pads | 95 | Games of skill or chance | 124 | Napkins for babies and similar articles of plastics or of other materials of headings 39.01 to 39.14 | 114 | Napkins for babies and similar articles of plastics or of other materials of headings 39.01 to 39.14 | 150 | Sanitary towels (pads), tampons and napkin liners for babies and similar articles of plastics or of other materials of heading 39.01 to 39.14 | 147 |
| Articles and equipment for general physical exercise, gymnastics or athletics | 82 | Travelling circuses and travelling menageries | 97 | Sanitary towels (pads), tampons and napkin liners for babies and similar articles of plastics or of other materials of heading 39.01 to 39.14 | 112 | Sanitary towels (pads), tampons and napkin liners for babies and similar articles of plastics or of other materials of heading 39.01 to 39.14 | 141 | Napkins for babies and similar articles of plastics or of other materials of headings 39.01 to 39.14 | 141 |