

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NUMBER: 107 (NW116E)

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 09 MARCH 2012

107. Mr P van Dalen (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance: (*Interdepartmental transfer on 23 February 2012*)

- (1) What is the total (a) weight and (b) value of all (i) metal, (ii) copper, (iii) copper alloy and (iv) aluminium that was exported from all ports (aa) in the (aaa) 2006-07, (bbb) 2007-08, (ccc) 2008-09, (ddd) 2009-10 and (eee) 2010-11 financial years and (bb) during the period 1 April 2011 up to the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) (a) what proportion was (i) newly mined and (ii) scrap metal and (b) to which specified countries were the metals exported in each case;
- (3) whether any income in the form of export duties was derived from these exports; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether (a) copper, (b) copper alloy and (c) aluminium are imported; if not, what is the position in each case; if so, in each case, (i) why and (ii) how much?NW116E

REPLY:

(1)

The export data reflecting total weight and value of all metal, copper, copper alloy and aluminium that was exported from all ports since 2006 to date is reported in the respective financial years as follows:

Table 1: Total Weight and Value of Metal, Copper, Copper Alloy and Aluminium Exports

	Quantity (Tons)							Customs Value (Rands)						
Description	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012
Metal	1,904,181	10,453,716	9,836,498	8,168,613	8,769,031	9,563,899	6,407,875	9,370,999,899	44,494,825,151	59,418,147,828	78,215,915,088	52,829,029,793	64,315,375,984	43,214,648,375
Copper	13,695	225,441	317,909	241,771	496,235	487,374	339,270	199,083,405	8,579,103,569	16,211,811,834	12,590,395,026	22,280,478,447	27,212,073,860	21,518,121,268
Copper Alloys	1,059	26,271	14,502	6,872	11,988	6,620	5,228	19,514,807	732,419,338	1,508,040,647	383,574,467	443,394,306	336,301,932	303,470,610
Aluminium	177,086	767,834	805,778	739,798	756,690	1,510,206	2,860,943	2,254,709,184	13,271,869,806	15,912,951,589	15,573,006,188	11,745,026,390	13,709,299,880	12,015,966,461

The commodities as indicated in the above table are inclusive of certain products that are classified in the same Harmonised System tariff headings as follows:

- Metal includes iron and steel products
- Copper includes copper matters; refined and unrefined copper
- Aluminium includes unwrought aluminium; aluminium powders and flakes; aluminium plates; sheets and strips and aluminium foil.

(2)(i)

The export data reflecting the proportion of 'newly mined' metals and the country they were exported to are indicated below in tables 2 and 3:

Table 2: Iron and Steel

Country of Destination	Quantity (Tons)							Customs Value (Rands)						
	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012
China	17,400	502,935	988,040	530,934	1,100,918	835,243	712,201	52,999,733	1,278,679,928	4,728,141,463	4,022,758,055	6,447,562,090	6,205,623,467	5,373,607,205
USA	162,761	879,871	857,045	565,988	531,756	728,796	602,924	527,367,237	3,119,672,447	5,085,631,525	7,099,844,782	2,975,121,820	5,181,435,847	4,336,116,152
Netherlands	49,420	272,092	372,442	301,986	267,496	402,997	280,544	960,246,013	1,743,245,431	2,512,894,574	3,655,977,679	2,998,666,572	4,155,980,921	2,645,333,328
Japan	96,488	569,051	590,704	444,288	286,441	417,629	299,768	505,593,201	2,925,362,017	3,930,769,177	6,391,847,364	2,039,058,108	3,844,549,275	2,570,826,570
Republic of Korea	59,900	352,274	305,817	281,083	395,011	470,836	303,201	245,417,805	1,355,856,483	1,721,901,237	2,554,582,013	1,967,345,570	3,661,997,312	2,435,918,920
Taiwan, Rep. of China	76,737	495,691	429,012	308,156	537,280	949,478	260,466	316,235,646	2,018,093,133	2,687,047,362	5,219,290,633	3,394,345,251	2,873,978,935	1,953,518,482
Italy	103,595	413,820	453,833	344,325	368,274	374,054	228,376	369,729,666	1,607,913,444	2,063,419,943	5,365,777,132	2,234,757,626	3,040,585,131	1,887,927,891
Germany	82,877	448,039	561,940	358,621	466,003	403,241	198,235	273,856,606	1,951,832,089	3,354,252,300	3,822,121,017	4,402,580,587	3,561,444,208	1,679,390,109
Belgium	39,867	159,045	145,284	164,916	178,339	280,466	164,489	162,855,181	727,645,989	1,064,563,580	1,845,550,405	1,056,573,212	1,798,895,219	1,072,050,775
Spain	52,595	177,511	168,952	135,472	109,300	146,589	81,843	164,859,292	703,476,722	795,864,485	1,015,432,987	572,381,751	909,560,375	527,840,882
Other countries	160,814	696,138	1,017,995	482,535	563,362	554,407	603,350	701,459,103	3,158,068,738	5,762,717,611	11,576,886,645	3,349,860,051	5,206,112,228	2,921,844,418
Top 10 Total	741,640	4,270,328	4,873,069	3,435,770	4,240,818	4,409,328	3,132,047	2,979,160,380	17,431,777,683	27,944,485,646	40,993,182,067	28,088,392,587	35,234,050,690	24,482,430,314
Grand Total	902,453	4,966,466	5,891,064	3,918,304	4,804,179	4,963,735	3,735,397	3,680,619,483	20,589,846,421	33,707,203,257	52,570,068,712	31,438,252,638	40,440,162,918	27,404,274,732
% Contribution (Top 10)	82%	86%	83%	88%	88%	89%	84%	81%	85%	83%	78%	89%	87%	89%

Table 3: Iron Ore

Country of Destination	Quantity (Tons)							Customs Value (Rands)						
	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012
China	8,778,795	8,604,381	14,228,267	19,164,444	34,478,135	29,432,561	29,064,697	2,112,303,030	2,829,690,201	4,817,139,614	12,462,203,222	19,485,347,281	28,212,270,948	30,635,301,425
Japan	5,368,410	4,327,700	5,105,754	5,295,757	5,445,890	5,463,638	3,838,928	1,612,577,599	1,559,663,261	2,213,400,393	4,040,729,559	2,792,692,930	4,916,193,231	5,463,786,628
Republic of Korea	200,000	290,152	870	78,114	645,866	826,105	1,673,612	65,072,788	159,438,766	644,036	2,292,297,794	345,221,350	922,191,484	3,031,481,507
Netherlands	0	479	606	923,430	2,300,785	972,588	2,394,349	1,000	332,940	461,838	871,152,234	1,127,799,691	1,166,197,403	2,985,442,507
Germany	2,187,995	2,746,009	4,633,352	3,569,261	3,408,503	3,579,450	963,212	503,840,585	1,246,703,673	1,655,114,278	1,996,369,678	1,657,465,036	2,678,350,289	1,189,294,719
Italy	690,500	514,081	725,761	482,765	855,318	1,229,113	736,371	194,654,593	168,686,176	300,240,044	266,811,267	351,469,837	1,177,286,460	1,032,085,301
United Kingdom	2,345,301	1,654,621	2,662,554	1,561,527	364,500	706,700	464,000	551,679,566	663,345,375	930,445,527	823,338,089	161,407,942	569,777,610	649,196,141
Slovenia	-	-	-	135,000	354,000	731,250	450,600	-	-	-	140,296,430	178,084,769	667,776,221	608,262,474
Indonesia	293	252	128	63,000	135,000	325,061	349,100	368,264	282,977	151,620	40,404,645	55,093,500	403,549,557	340,099,180
Saudi Arabia	-	-	-	68,400	0	157,500	150,000	-	-	-	50,403,652	600	188,943,721	254,951,641
Other Countries	3,772,877	3,752,270	1,485,390	1,476,705	2,166,733	2,017,492	623,954	900,316,244	1,211,059,402	650,610,300	1,100,477,208	1,195,423,936	2,237,217,290	749,440,864
Top 10 Total	19,571,294	18,137,675	27,357,291	31,341,699	47,991,998	43,423,966	40,084,870	5,040,497,425	6,628,143,369	9,917,597,350	22,984,006,570	26,154,582,936	40,902,536,924	46,189,901,523
Grand Total	23,344,171	21,889,946	28,842,681	32,818,403	50,158,732	45,441,458	40,708,823	5,940,813,669	7,839,202,771	10,568,207,650	24,084,483,718	27,350,006,872	43,139,754,214	46,939,342,387
% contribution	84%	83%	95%	96%	96%	96%	98%	85%	85%	94%	95%	96%	95%	98%

(2)(ii)

The export data reflecting the proportion of scrap metal and the countries they were re-exported to is as follows:

Table 4: Scrap Metal Exports

Country of Destination	Quantity (Tons)							Customs Value (Rands)						
	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012
India	46,683	124,009	140,139	498,701	310,927	453,364	458,850	67,675,224	137,719,902	437,027,745	1,252,496,762	728,001,312	1,288,905,498	1,643,084,621
Indonesia	13,150	37,854	57,603	41,402	106,327	184,854	212,056	16,757,760	49,270,984	118,634,555	131,255,955	220,407,730	467,941,316	686,872,391
Malaysia	17,300	122,928	406,653	279,043	320,449	234,548	198,235	20,122,668	193,684,817	811,577,079	906,721,735	689,402,621	642,813,039	598,873,633
Vietnam	440	102,224	60,404	50,255	67,632	204,266	62,621	528,000	47,563,880	144,767,087	131,936,672	148,331,372	530,609,788	193,824,526
Pakistan	10,339	36,904	95,660	121,760	91,779	91,383	76,296	3,242,556	119,557,483	305,866,305	293,117,008	174,603,591	205,506,819	167,496,486
Taiwan, Rep. of China	25,866	38,156	59,041	108,762	53,217	54,835	26,343	28,555,704	58,753,940	133,911,897	370,539,350	116,698,290	144,762,960	85,338,203
Netherlands	1,710	6,337	3,026	2,708	6,314	13,088	4,644	14,467,546	99,750,704	70,851,253	52,797,125	78,090,581	194,521,356	69,750,635
Republic of Korea	970	788	2,264	2,714	6,002	2,773	2,775	14,081,597	16,251,121	15,418,039	28,848,248	72,047,859	32,650,078	42,849,584
Singapore	4,718	15,679	90,706	59,399	30,213	4,890	10,537	6,437,338	23,572,241	217,909,909	176,421,484	62,569,706	12,253,776	34,980,545
United Arab Emirates	-	1,510	1,767	17,780	11,746	11,344	10,726	-	8,915,985	21,345,928	52,139,116	26,188,611	40,913,159	32,401,051
Other Countries	2,427	38,009	36,835	114,982	54,206	48,170	22,340	19,132,708	84,000,636	206,093,953	464,710,324	212,626,144	160,976,240	130,087,780
Top 10 Total	121,176	486,888	917,262	1,182,525	1,004,606	1,255,346	1,063,083	171,868,393	755,041,057	2,277,309,787	3,396,273,455	2,316,341,673	3,560,877,789	3,555,471,675
Grand Total	123,603	524,397	954,098	1,297,507	1,058,812	1,303,515	1,085,423	191,001,101	839,041,693	2,483,403,750	3,860,983,779	2,528,967,817	3,721,854,029	3,685,559,455
% Contribution	98%	93%	96%	91%	95%	96%	98%	90%	90%	92%	88%	92%	96%	96%

Scrap metal exports include waste and scrap of cast iron; alloy steel; stainless steel; tinned iron or steel; turnings; shavings; chips; milling waste; sawdust; filings and trimmings and re-melting scrap ingots.

(3)

Export duties are imposed in terms of Section 48 (4) of the Customs and Excise Act no. 91 of 1964, as amended. Currently no export duties are levied on these goods.

(4)

The import data reflecting total weight and value of all copper, copper alloy and aluminium that was imported into all ports since 2006 to date is reported in the respective financial years as follows:

Table 5: Total Weight and Value of Copper, Copper Alloy and Aluminium Imports

Description	Quantity (Tons)							Customs Value (Rands)						
	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012
Copper	20,931	176,535	258,379	245,330	469,893	481,585	324,297	532,618,521	7,315,277,411	14,319,023,871	12,344,911,457	22,197,421,263	27,651,552,188	20,871,678,970
Copper Alloys	21,030	177,271	267,848	250,206	479,174	485,244	327,534	535,105,831	7,340,007,059	14,412,147,030	12,528,884,632	22,542,336,592	27,864,683,540	21,075,809,349
Aluminium	17,478	19,673	8,337	7,358	18,624	39,138	35,720	64,806,395	225,203,617	188,786,014	199,116,677	329,878,294	711,233,373	713,317,572
Total	59,438	373,479	534,563	502,895	967,690	1,005,967	687,551	1,132,530,747	14,880,488,087	28,919,956,915	25,072,912,766	45,069,636,149	56,227,469,101	42,660,805,891

The commodities as indicated in the above table are inclusive of certain products that are classified in the same Harmonised System tariff headings as follows:

- i. Copper includes copper matters; refined and unrefined copper
- ii. Copper Alloys include copper-zinc based alloys of brass and bronze and other copper alloys
- iii. Aluminium includes unwrought aluminium; aluminium powders and flakes; aluminium plates; sheets and strips and aluminium foil.