

**PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE**  
**QUESTION PAPER 3/2025**  
**SEVENTH PARLIAMENT**  
**FRIDAY, 7 MARCH 2025**  
**WRITTEN QUESTION**

**7. Mr M K Sayed to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:**

With regard to the ban imposed by People's Republic of China on the Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:

- (1) Whether the visit by the Minister to Taiwan was an official visit sanctioned by the Western Cape Government; if so, (a) what was the objectives of the visit, (b) what are the details of his meetings during the visit and (c) what agreements were concluded during the visit;
- (2) whether the national government was consulted beforehand; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether the Western Cape Government recognises and respects the national government's commitment to the One-China Policy; if so, what measures are in place to ensure that provincial officials align themselves with this policy;
- (4) whether the Western Cape Government currently has any formal trade relations with Taiwan; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the details of the (i) engagements, (ii) agreements and (iii) trade volumes and (b) what economic impact assessments have been conducted;
- (5) what is the (a) total value and (b) breakdown of the trade between the province and China for (i) imports and (ii) exports since 2020?

REPLY:

- (1) The visit by Dr Meyer was not in his official capacity as a Minister of the Western Cape Government. As such, no approval from any state institution was necessary.  
  
(a) Not applicable  
(b) Not applicable  
(c) Not applicable
- (2) See above.

(3) The Western Cape Government (WCG) values and appreciates its strategic relations with the People's Republic of China, as reflected in its long standing strategic partnership with Shandong Province, which was established in March 1998. The WCG also recognises China's strategic economic role and key trading partner of the Province. The Province will develop a protocol to govern international relations and interaction with key international partners.

(4) (a) The Western Cape Government has no formal trade relations with Taiwan.

(i) Not applicable

(ii) Not applicable

(iii) Not applicable

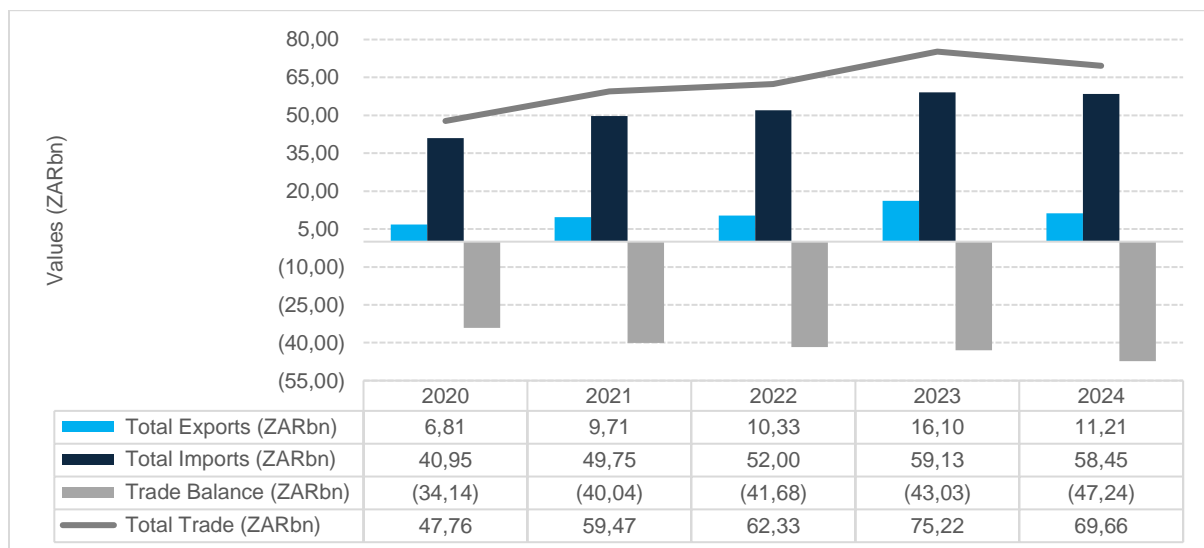
(b) None

(5) (a) and (b) Total value and breakdown of trade (imports and exports) as sourced from Quantec data:

Total trade between the Peoples' Republic of China and the Province amounted to R69.66 billion in 2024. In 2024, total exports from the Western Cape amounted to R11.21 billion while total imports amounted to R58.45 billion (trade deficit of R47.24 billion). Figure 1 below demonstrates the trade figures between South Africa and China between 2020 and 2024 as set out in the Wesgro country profile.

#### Western Cape's trade with China

**Figure 1 Western Cape's exports, imports, trade balance and total trade with China, 2020-2024**



Source: Quantec, 2025