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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Mrs K Jooste (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What is the current rate of fœtal alcohol syndrome cases?

###### NW2245E

**REPLY:**

Studies have been done in areas of known or suspected high alcohol consumption by women. Studies in South Africa have found the following rates in these areas:

* **Northern Cape** 
  + Upington 75/ per 1000 population
  + Kimberley 64/ per 1000 population
  + De Aar 119/ per 1000 population
* **Western Cape** 
  + Saldanha Bay 67/ per 1000 population
  + Witzenberg sub-district 96/ per 1000 population
  + Aurora 100/ per 1000 population
  + Wellington 89/ per 1000 population.
* **Gauteng**
  + Parts of Johannesburg 26/ per 1000 population

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