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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 36**

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**Dr S SThembekwayo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What is the recorded total number of (a) alcohol-related deaths and (b) children who have been born with foetal alcohol syndrome in (i) each province and (ii) each of the past five financial years?

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**REPLY:**

(a)(i)-(ii) Table 1 below provide information on the numbers of alcohol related deaths in South Africa was obtained from the South African Medical Research Council, that was extracted from unit records of deaths provided by Statistics South Africa which are available up to 2016.

**Table 1:**

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| **Number of registered deaths with underlying causes that is alcohol related by province, 2012-2016** |
| **PROVINCE**  | **2012** | **2013** | **2014** | **2015** | **2016** | **TOTAL**  |
| Eastern Cape  | 47 | 87 | 110 | 116 | 107 | **467** |
| Free State  | 19 | 26 | 39 | 30 | 33 | **147** |
| Gauteng  | 40 | 53 | 45 | 48 | 57 | **243** |
| KwaZulu-Natal  | 65 | 76 | 73 | 83 | 75 | **372** |
| Limpopo | 20 | 15 | 18 | 23 | 20 | **96** |
| Mpumalanga  | 18 | 12 | 16 | 22 | 11 | **79** |
| North West  | 22 | 18 | 16 | 26 | 22 | **104** |
| Northern Cape  | 21 | 33 | 36 | 30 | 29 | **149** |
| Western Cape  | 118 | 120 | 129 | 123 | 139 | **629** |
| **TOTAL**  | **370** | **440** | **482** | **501** | **493** | **2286** |

(b)(i)-(ii) Currently, data is available on the prevalence of foetal alcohol syndrome among grade-1 learners which is collected through surveys that were conducted in selected communities. Table 2 below provides a summary of the prevalence data that is available and was provided by the Foundation for Alcohol Related Research[[1]](#footnote-2)

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| **Table 2:** | **Summary of the prevalence of foetal alcohol syndrome among grade-1 learners**  |
| **PROVINCE** | **COMMUNITY** | **PREVELANCE RATE AS A PERCENTAGE**  | **REFERENCE**  |
| Eastern Cape  | Bethelsdorp,Port Elizabeth  |  13,0 | Olivier, et al., 2017a |
| Burgersdorp |  6,2 | Still to be published |
| Free State  | Jacobsdal  |  12,9 | Still to be published  |
| Gauteng  | Soweto, Diepsloot,Lenasia  |  2,6 | Viljoen, 2001 |
| Northern Cape  | De Aar  |  11,9 | Urban et al., 2008 |
| Upington  |  7,4 | Chersich et al., 2012b |
| Kimberley  |  6,4 | Urban et al., 2015 |
| Renosterberg Municipality  |  28,2 | Olivier et al., 2017b |
| Hanover  |  20,8 | Still to be published  |
| Western Cape  | Wellington  |  8,9 | Viljoen, Gossage, Brooke, Adnams, Jones, Robinson ... & May, 2005 |
| Aurora  |  10,0 | Olivier et al., 2013 |
| Witzenberg Sub-district  |  9,6 | Olivier et al., 2016 |
| Saldanha Bay Municipality  |  6,7 | Olivier et al., 2016 |
| Wellington,Montague,Ashton,Robertson  |  13,5 - 20,8 | May et al., 2016 |

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1. Probst, C, Parry C, Wittchen H, Rehm J. The socioeconomic profile of alcohol-attributable mortality in South Africa: a modelling study. BMC Medicine. 2018; 16:97 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)