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**Ms H Ismail (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What (a) is the percentage of posts currently vacant in State hospitals and (b) is the current recovery rate of COVID-19 patients with comorbidities in each province?

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**REPLY:**

(a)

* 1. **(b)** The overall percentage (%) rate for vacant posts in State Hospitals is 13%. The table below indicates the (%) rate of vacant posts in State Hospitals per Province as at end February 2021.

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| **Province** | **% Vacant posts in Hospitals** |
| Eastern Cape | 13% |
| Free State | 21% |
| Gauteng | 11% |
| KwaZulu Natal | 14% |
| Limpopo Province | 7% |
| Mpumalanga | 12% |
| North West | 14% |
| Northern Cape | 17% |
| Western Cape | 15% |
| **Overall Total** | **13%** |

(b) The recovery rate of COVID-19 patients without comorbidities reported as at 14 April 2021 is as below, please note that the comorbidities indicator is not covered as the current reporting classification does not include it:

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| **PROVINCE** | **TOTAL RECOVERIES** |
| **14 April 2021** |
| Eastern Cape | 184,064 |
| Free State | 79,579 |
| Gauteng | 405,110 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 319,830 |
| Limpopo | 60,970 |
| Mpumalanga | 74,225 |
| North West | 61,631 |
| Northern Cape | 33,215 |
| Western Cape | 268,249 |
| **Total** | **1,486,873** |

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