Annexure B. Unknown and missing data by variables reported

The table below reports the unknown/missing data for each variable analysed. While the sex could be determined for three cases based on additional information provided, it was not possible to determine the actual age or comorbidities that were missing from the data provided. Date of death was in an unrecognizable format (missing) for 13 cases (0.4%). Overall, comorbidity was missing (no information in data) in 564 out of 3 088 deaths (18.3%) and was recorded as unknown (either reported as unknown in the data or dead on arrival) in a further 67 deaths (2.2%). Almost 1 in 5 deaths did not have information about comorbidities, e.g. of the 519 deaths reported from Eastern Cape Province, comorbidities were missing for 94 deaths (18.1%) or unknown in 19 deaths (3.7%), and in Western Cape, 435 (21.5%) were missing and two (0.1%) were unknown for the 2 024 deaths reported.

Table. Unknown and missing data by variables reported

	Total deaths	**Date of death missing**		**Age missing**		**Comorbidities missing**		**Comorbidities unknown**	
Province	***N***	***n***	**%**	***n***	**%**	***n***	**%**	***n***	**%**
Eastern Cape	519	-		10	1.9	94	18.1	19	3.7
Free State	19	-		-	-	-	-	6	31.6
Gauteng	348	3	0.9	8	2.3	22	6.3	14	4.0
KwaZulu-Natal	98	7	7.1	1	1.0	4	4.1	9	9.2
Limpopo	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	7	1	14.3	-	-	1	14.3	2	28.6
North West	36	-	-	1	2.8	8	22.2	14	38.9
Northern Cape	6	1	16.7	-	-	-	-	1	16.7
Western Cape	2 024	1	0.0	-	-	435	21.5	2	0.1
South Africa	3 088	13	0.4	20	0.6	564	18.3	67	2.2