

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
BY DEPUTY R.J. WARD OF ST. HELIER
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2021
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2021**

Question

Will the Minister state the estimated time required to identify the Covid-19 Omicron variant from positive cases of Covid-19 in Jersey?

Answer

Turnaround time for COVID genotyping /sequencing from time of positive PCR result is about 72 hours. PCR-positive patients are isolated from the outset.