

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BY DEPUTY
P.V.F. LE CLAIRE OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 28th APRIL 2009**

Question

On how many occasions, if any, in the last 5 years have there been serious outbreaks of the Norovirus or other vomiting and diarrhoea type bugs in Jersey?

How many serious food poisoning admissions and/or treatments were classified or treated by the Hospital during the last 5 years?

Answer

In the 5 years to the end of 2008:

- There were 8 Norovirus outbreaks across all hospital sites.
- There have been 2 large confirmed food borne Norovirus outbreaks and an extended outbreak in summer 2005 affecting some 13 hotels, 3 coach tour businesses, the ferry and airport.
- There were 22 bacterial food borne outbreaks.
- 25 patients with food poisoning were admitted to hospital.