

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 17th MARCH 2025**

Question

“Will the Minister detail the actual or average cost of providing the following services –

- (a) an elective caesarean section;
- (b) an emergency caesarean section;
- (c) a home birth (low risk pregnancy/low intervention/vaginal birth);
- (d) a hospital birth (low risk pregnancy/low intervention/vaginal birth); and
- (e) an induced vaginal birth in hospital?”

Answer

It is not possible to calculate the actual or average cost for maternity services, because each case is highly individualised, with varying levels of intervention, complexity, and resource utilisation. Factors such as length of stay, additional medical support, and any complications can all significantly impact the overall cost. This applies to both caesarean and vaginal deliveries.

In the table below, I have outlined the NHS tariffs for each type of delivery for which an average cost was requested.

Appendix One NHS tariffs

Maternity pathway - guide prices, proposed for 2025/26	
Type of Birth	Guide Price
Home Birth	2,807
Vaginal Birth Hospital	2,807
Elective Caesarean Section	4,564
Emergency Caesarean Section	6,613
Vaginal Birth with Induction of labour	4,564

Health and Care Jersey (HCJ) provide a 24/7 maternity service for all women in Jersey, supported by a multidisciplinary team, including Consultant Obstetricians, medical specialists, and midwifery teams. Given the unpredictable nature of labour and birth, HCJ staffing levels are structured to always ensure safe and responsive care.