

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2016**

**Question**

“Can the Minister confirm how many people in Jersey have been confirmed as diagnosed with pleural plaques, asbestosis and mesothelioma in the last five years?”

**Answer**

The question cannot be answered directly because:

- a) out-patient attendance diagnoses are not captured by condition, just by volume and by consultant;
- b) without retrieving each patient record, the date of diagnosis is not readily available so we cannot state how many have been ‘diagnosed’ in the last 5 years;
- c) we are not able to state how long someone has been in Jersey, just that they have at some point in the last 5 years accessed our service;
- d) patients may have more than one of the conditions stated above so there is a potential to double count.

However, subject to these caveats, there have been 112 patients over 5 years who have had an in-patient episode in the hospital where the primary or secondary coded diagnosis was one of the conditions set out above.