

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 8th DECEMBER 2009**

Question

“Would the Minister provide the Assembly with a detailed breakdown of each of the last 5 years in respect of –

- a) the number of police officers, if any, who have been disciplined;
- b) the number of police officers, if any, who have been suspended from service;
- c) the number of police officers, if any, who have been charged with criminal offences;
- d) the number of officers, if any, who have been off work through ill health, together with the total number of hours accounted for by sickness for each of the last 5 years?”

Answer

- a) The number of police officers found guilty of a discipline offence at a disciplinary hearing over the last 5 years is 3 for 2006 and 2 for 2007.
- b) 13 officers have been suspended for varying periods of time over the last 5 years.
- c) Four. Of these, two resulted in convictions. In both cases, the person concerned is no longer employed by the States of Jersey Police.
- d) Collating the detail of each individual staff sickness episode over the last 5 year period and breaking it down into hours represents a considerable task that cannot be completed with scarce resources at this time.

Cumulative staff sickness in days:

2005 1479 days
 2006 1415 days
 2007 1777 days
 2008 2337 days
 2009 1649 days [to 30/11/09]

For Police Officers the average sick days lost in the first nine months of 2009 was 7.97, against a States average of 8.66. This includes instances of injury incurred as a direct result of duty.