

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 19th APRIL 2021**

**Question**

Will the Minister provide members with the following information in table form –

- (a) a breakdown of the data regarding newly-identified cases of Covid-19 between 10th February and 10th April 2021 from the following categories –
- (i) seeking healthcare;
  - (ii) inbound travel – active infections;
  - (iii) admissions screening;
  - (iv) planned workforce screening;
  - (v) cohort screening;
  - (vi) contact-tracing; and
- (b) of those cases identified by contact-tracing, how many have come from cases in the community and how many from inbound travel?

**Answer**

There were 41 cases of COVID-19 identified from swabs taken between 10<sup>th</sup> February and 10<sup>th</sup> April in Jersey. The reason for test was recorded as in the following table:

<b>Test reason category</b>	<b>Number of cases identified</b>
<b>Seeking Healthcare</b>	4
<b>Inbound Travel</b>	11
<b>Admissions Screening</b>	1
<b>Planned Workforce Screening</b>	13
<b>Cohort Screening</b>	1
<b>Contact Tracing</b>	11

The incubation period (time between exposure to the virus and symptom onset) for COVID-19 can be up to 14 days. Therefore, it is rarely possible to be conclusive about where a person has contracted the virus / where it has been transmitted as there are usually many interactions that take place in that period of time.

Contact tracing is an Environmental Health activity undertaken to identify and isolate people who have recently been in contact with individuals who have tested positive to prevent potential further transmission of the virus. Any individual identified as positive this way may have contracted the virus from them or may have been the source of transmission themselves.

Of the 11 individuals identified as positive through contact tracing, 3 were tested as contacts of inbound travellers and 8 were tested as contacts of people testing positive for one of the other reasons.