

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARY  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2011**

**Question**

Can the Minister inform members of trends in activity over the last 5 years in Accident and Emergency, oncology and diabetes?

Would the Minister advise whether comparable data of this nature for other hospital departments can be accessed and, if so, where?

**Answer**

The table below shows the number of attendances at over the last five year for the Emergency Department, oncology and diabetes services.

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>Emergency</b>	40128	39828	39725	39072	37460 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Oncology</b>	1360	1621	1767	1987	2432 <sup>2</sup>
<b>Diabetes</b>	2820	2714	4496 <sup>3</sup>	3806	3516

1. The ED figures show a reduction in numbers in 2010. This relates to the opening of the dressing clinic which saw 1546 attendances in 2010. These attendances would previously have been recorded in ED activity. It is important to note that attendance levels at the ED Department are higher than the UK, per head of population.
2. The Oncology service has seen a steady increase in attendances for a number of reasons including: aging population; improvements in screening programmes and the delivery of new, more effective treatments. The increase in attendance figures will be driven by both an increase in the number of patients and an increase in the number of attendances per patient.
3. Activity in the diabetes service grew substantially (50%) between 2003 and 2008. The growth was driven predominantly by changes in activity in nursing, dietetics and retinal screening. Dietetics & Retinal screening both received extra resources during this period.

Data relating to activity in other departments of the Jersey General Hospital is available on request.