

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BY DEPUTY
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 1st JULY 2008

Question

Can the Minister inform the Assembly how many people are now on the Health and Social Services' Health Register, when he expects it to be completed and whether this will be within the agreed timeframe?

Answer

The Health Screening Index was developed as a joint project between Health and Social Services and the Chief Minister's Information Services Department as a means of identifying Islanders eligible for health screening purposes. The aim was to set up an interim index until the Jersey substantive population database was functioning. The Health Screening Index is comprised of demographic data from GP practices, reconciled and validated against the hospital Patient Administration System.

Currently, the Health Screening Index contains 107,435 records. Whilst a great deal of work has been done to make the index as accurate as possible, it is more than reasonable to assume that it still contains some duplicate records and records of people no longer living in Jersey whom my Department are unable to confirm have left Jersey.

The Health Screening Index was completed by 31st January 2008 and it will be maintained until the definitive population database becomes available.

The Health Screening Index has identified in the region of 3000 women eligible for breast screening who were not previously known to the breast screening programme. Letters inviting these women to join the programme have been sent out. The process of screening these women is in progress.