

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
BY THE CONNÉTABLE OF ST. JOHN
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2021
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 2021**

Question

Will the Minister provide the number of private medical procedures carried out at the Hospital by employees of the States of Jersey for each of the last 5 years, and outline how this figure compares with expected level of private medical procedures, if any, by States of Jersey employees?

Answer

Private surgical health care is available for all surgical specialities on an elective (scheduled/booked) and emergency basis for those patients who wish to use their private health insurance or wish to self-pay for private surgical care.

It is estimated that 25,000 islanders have private health care insurance policies, either individually funded or provided through their employer. A number of patients choose to self-fund their care.

The following table illustrates the number of surgical procedures (including endoscopy) undertaken in the last five years (as well as the number undertaken this year to date), broken down by public and private, and including/excluding emergency procedures. The percentage of private procedures has remained broadly constant over the last five years.

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 - as at 31.08.21
Total Private including Emergency Procedures	2400	2148	2196	2111	1681	1427
Total Public including Emergency Procedures	8752	8110	8091	8100	6266	4671
Total	11152	10258	10287	10211	7947	6098
Private as % Total including Emergency Procedures	22%	21%	21%	21%	21%	23%
Total Private excluding Emergency Procedures	2290	2037	2089	2011	1598	1371
Total Public excluding Emergency Procedures	7129	6592	6590	6594	5002	3775
Total	9419	8629	8679	8605	6600	5146
Private as % Total excluding Emergency Procedures	24%	24%	24%	23%	24%	27%