

Estimates Committee 2008
Questions Taken On Notice

(17/6/2008 to 20/6/2008)

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Output: Health and
Wellbeing Services
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Services

Subject: Maternity Patients

From: Mr Matt Conlan MLA to Dr Chris Burns MLA
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Question: 5-8
How many new mothers leave hospital within 24 hours of giving birth?

Answer:
Answered On: 21/07/2008

5.8 QUESTION ON NOTICE

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ANSWER

Calculating this figure for all the NT public hospitals requires complex data analysis and validation, and is not done routinely.

However the Community Midwifery Program (CMP) in Darwin does keep this type of data. During the 2007 calendar year, 217 mothers gave birth as part of the CMP and 160 were discharged within 24 hours of giving birth.