

Estimates Committee 2008
Questions Taken On Notice

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

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Output: Health and
Wellbeing Services
Sub Output: Community Health
Services

Subject: Maternity Patients

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Question: **5-9**
How many mothers who leave hospital within 24 hours of giving birth
return to hospital with complications which include postnatal depression?

Answer:
Answered On: 21/07/2008

5.9 QUESTION ON NOTICE

How many of those mothers that leave hospital within 24 hours of giving birth return to hospital with complication requiring re-admission including post natal depression?

ANSWER

This is not a statistic that is routinely collected or reported on. Calculating this figure for the NT public hospitals would require complex analysis and data validation.

However the Community Midwifery Program (CMP) in Darwin does keep this data. During 2007, no mothers who gave birth as part of the CMP who were discharged within 24 hours of giving birth were readmitted to Royal Darwin Hospital with a complication.