



STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION

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Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
5 March 2021

Asked by JEREMY HANSON MLA:

In relation to:

MR HANSON: Just out of curiosity. With some of the programs where you are trying to encourage, I guess, women into traditionally male occupations, do you do it the other way, and sort of, try and encourage men into traditionally female, you know, yes, I do not know, sort of, some of the, probably, the health courses and so on?

Ms Cover: Terrific, yes. So we are conscious of that.

MR HANSON: Yes.

Ms Cover: So particularly in some—again, I certainly do not want to stereotype particular trades.

MR HANSON: Sure.

Ms Cover: But for instance, some of the community services, child care, those types of industries, yes, we do make sure that we are supporting and very conscious of those mix of gender in the classes as well.

MR HANSON: Yes.

Ms Cover: Yes.

MR HANSON: And with the childcare style courses, are you finding many men participating in that? Because certainly, there is an issue with, you know, primary school education where there is a decreasing number of male teachers. Are you seeing that in the childcare sector as well?

Ms Cover: Look, I do not know the specifics of the actual gender breakdown for this year. But I could certainly have a look at that.

MR HANSON: Yes, of interest.

Ms Cover: Yes.

MR HANSON: Yes.



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CHRIS STEEL MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

Of the 301 enrolments in Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care, 27 enrolments (9%) identified as male enrolments, noting 7 enrolments (2%) did not state their gender. The number of male enrolments has been fairly consistent over the past 4 years representing around 9% of total enrolments (between 27-32 enrolments for the past 4 years).

Of the 242 enrolments in Certificate IV in Education Support, 32 enrolments (13%) identified as male enrolments, noting 2 enrolments (1%) did not state their gender. The number of male enrolments has steadily increased over the past 4 years from 3 (2% of total enrolments) in 2017 to 32 (13% of total enrolments) in 2020.

Of the 211 enrolments in Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care, 18 enrolments (9%) identified as male enrolments, noting 2 enrolments (1%) did not state their gender. The number of male enrolments has decreased slightly between 2017-2020 (from 24 to 18) but still represents around 9% of total enrolments.

There are three Early Childhood and Education Support qualifications at CIT. For end of year 2020, there was a total of 754 enrolments across three Early Childhood and Education Support qualifications, 77 enrolments (10%) identified as male enrolments, noting 11 enrolments (1%) did not state their gender.

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