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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE  
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by: Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA  
Addressed to: Minister for Early Childhood Development  
Redirected to: NA  
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In relation to: Early Childhood education qualification figures  
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**MS LEE:** I am assuming that depending on the publication, obviously the pay rates are different. So do you have data that confirms whether the ACT has, for example, a higher proportion of those who have a diploma compared to a cert VI? ...(indistinct)...[09.49.38]

**Ms Brookes:** That would come out in the staffing survey. We would have the 2021 figures, but I would have to take that on ...(indistinct)...[09.49.44]

**MS LEE:** On notice? Yes, thank you.

**Ms Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:**

The most recent data available is from the 2021 Early Childhood Education and Care National Workforce Census. The 2024 Census is underway.

Of the primary contact staff employed by Australian Government CCS approved ECEC services:

- Nationally, 11.5% have a Bachelor or degree or above; in the ACT that figure is 8.1%;
- Nationally, 38.1% have a Diploma or Advanced Diploma; in the ACT that figure is 27.2%;
- Nationally, 26.5% have a Certificate III or IV; in the ACT that is 24.1%.

During the same period, ACT had the highest level of staff studying ECEC-related qualifications (30%). 9.2% of staff were studying a Bachelor degree or above, 10.3% of staff were studying an Diploma or Advanced Diploma; 9% were studying Certificate I, II, III or IV. Nationally, the figures were 8.4%, 8.8% and 5.9% respectively (23.1% in total).

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By the Minister for Early Childhood Development, Yvette Berry MLA