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1151. Mrs D van der Walt (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

What (a) are the educational requirements for early childhood development (ECD) workers and (b) is the (i) total number of ECD workers in the Republic and (ii) is the breakdown of the total for each province?

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RESPONSE TO MRS D VAN DER WALT (DA) FOR THE MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION:

What are the educational requirements for early childhood development (ECD) workers?

- The Department of Basic Education is training the ECD practitioners on the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) from birth to four years on **NQF level 4**, which is the **minimum qualification** for ECD practitioners.

What is the total number of ECD workers in the Republic and the provincial breakdown?

- The Department released the ECD Census Summary Report on 01 April 2022, which tells us that there is a total of 198,361 staff employed in ECD Programmes. The information on the provincial breakdown will however be available when the full report of the ECD Census is finalised and released.