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 **Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**Minister**

Receive attached hereto responses to questions on what (a) minimum qualification is required to become a practitioner at an Early Childhood Development centre, (b) number of (i) years of training does the qualification require and (ii) qualified practitioners are currently practising and (c) is the minimum salary level for practitioners?

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**Ms Nelisiwe Vilakazi**

**Acting Director-General: Department of Social Development**

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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 2118**

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**2118. Ms H S Boshoff (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

What (a) minimum qualification is required to become a practitioner at an early childhood development centre, (b) number of (i) years of training does the qualification require and (ii) qualified practitioners are currently practising and (c) is the minimum salary level for practitioners? NW2272E

**REPLY:**

(a) According to section 27(a)(i)of the Children’s Act, no. 38 of 2005,

 An applicant who has to provide an ECD programme has to possess the National Certificate in ECD at National Qualification Framework (NQF) level 4 as a minimum requirement specified by South African Qualifications Authority.

(b) (i) NQF level 4 training is provided for 18 months.

 (ii) 18 981

(c) There is currently no minimum salary level for practitioners. Each ECD centre remunerates its practitioners based on their available budget.

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**Approved by the Minister on**

**Date……………………….**