

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Education:

ESL Qualifications

- 1. Written Answer 340 states that teachers with Tertiary ESL qualifications are not known or collected by the department. Why is there no record of how many teachers have tertiary ESL qualifications from a university when many teachers are working in 100% ESL/EALD settings?**

Holding formal tertiary ESL qualifications is not a requirement to be employed as a teacher and as such records of these qualifications are not centrally held.

Schools seek professional development for their teachers based on student needs and the focus of the teaching and learning to support these needs, including EAL/D.

- 2. Can this information now be sought and provided?**

As per above, this is not information that is sought by the department.