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Mr McNarry has asked:

To ask the Minister for Employment and Learning to detail by skills area how many apprentices have progressed into employment in each of the last three years.

ANSWER

The ApprenticeshipsNI programme is an employer-led provision, with employers creating apprenticeship positions in line with their future business needs. Apprentices are employed "from day one".

My Department funds the 'off-the-job' training element of an apprenticeship through the ApprenticeshipsNI programme.

Over 23,000 individuals have started ApprenticeshipsNI funded training over the past three years. A full breakdown of starts, aligned to Apprenticeship Frameworks, is contained in Annex 1 overleaf.

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As the member will be aware, back in February I announced a major review of my Department's apprenticeship policy. This review, which is all-encompassing in nature, is progressing as planned, and I will be reporting its findings shortly.

DR STEPHEN FARRY MLA
Minister for Employment and Learning

Starts on ApprenticeshipsNI by Framework and Academic year [1]

FRAMEWORK	ACADEMIC YEAR		
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Accounting	27	9	15
Active Leisure Learning and Well-being	27	22	1
Agriculture	4	59	65
Amenity Horticulture	2	4	1
Animal Care	0	2	0
Barbering	0	2	3
Beauty Therapy	35	26	24
Business and Administration	435	205	118
Call Handling	71	71	90
Catering and Hospitality	1207	1037	821
Childcare, Learning and Development	328	294	169
Construction	112	134	103
Construction Crafts	193	160	168
Contact Centre Operations	84	1	2
Craft Baking	0	0	1
Creative Industries	5	0	2
Customer Service	535	590	483
Distribution and Warehousing	241	268	115
Electrical Distribution and Trans Engineering	11	38	9
Electrical Power Engineering	12	0	0
Electrotechnical	92	88	107
Engineering	347	414	442
Engineering Construction	2	0	1
Equine Industry	1	0	1
Extractives and Mineral Processing	82	1	0
Food and Drink Manufacturing	1	3	3
Food and Drink Manufacturing Operations	51	93	41
Food Manufacture	260	91	100
Furniture Production	2	3	0
Gas Utilisation, Installation and Maintenance	10	20	10
Glass Industry	10	18	0
Glass Industry Occupations	13	3	5
Hairdressing	283	257	156
Health and social Care	1453	1269	1042
Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration	31	18	31
Hospitality and Catering	117	190	272
IT User	28	27	27
Information Technology Services and Development	7	16	5

Instructing and Exercise	3	1	0
Insurance	94	52	1
IT Services and Development	40	8	115
IT User	132	137	47
Laboratory Technician	0	0	1
Land-based Service Engineering	25	15	27
Light Vehicle Body and Paint Operations	18	23	17
Management	727	620	553
Meat Industry	29	9	0
Meat Processing	10	6	0
Mechanical Engineering Services (Plumbing)	95	35	61
MES Plumbing	23	30	30
Motor Vehicle Industry	160	154	110
PCV Driving Bus and Coach	1	0	0
Pharmacy Services	4	31	6
Polymer Processing and Signmaking	8	3	0
Polymer Processing	1	0	3
Print Administration	0	2	3
Print Production	14	7	13
Printing Industry	17	13	11
Retail	820	488	265
Security Systems	12	12	15
Team Leading	278	439	295
Telecommunications Industry	10	1	0
Travel Services	4	8	2
Vehicle Maintenance and Repair	158	211	237
Warehousing and Storage	0	0	1
Youth Work	17	17	0
Not Known	129	129	109
Total	**8948**	**7884**	**6345**