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Mr McNarry has asked:

To ask the Minister for Employment and Learning to detail how many female apprentice trainees are currently on apprenticeship courses, broken down by skills area.

ANSWER

As of July 2013 (the most recent published data) female occupancy on the ApprenticeshipsNI programme stood at 3,377. A full breakdown of gender occupancy, aligned to apprenticeship frameworks, is contained in Table 1 overleaf.

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.



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Minister for Employment and Learning



Table 1 Occupancy on AppsNI by Gender and Framework, July 2013 ⁽¹⁾

	Female	Male	Total
Accounting	2	7	9
Agriculture Industry	1	109	110
Amenity Horticulture	1	1	2
Animal Care	0	1	1
Barbering	0	3	3
Beauty Therapy	24	0	24
Business and Administration	121	30	151
Call Handling	33	43	76
Catering and Hospitality	569	408	977
Child Care, Learning and Development	267	8	275
Construction	0	92	92
Construction Crafts	1	204	205
Contact Centre Operation	0	3	3
Craft Baking	0	1	1
Creative Industries	2	0	2
Customer Service	307	246	553
Distribution and Warehousing	12	204	216
Electrical Distribution and Trans. Engineering	2	47	49
Electrotechnical Services	2	329	331
Engineering	19	673	692
Engineering Construction	0	1	1
Equine Industry	0	1	1
Food and Drink Manufacturing	1	3	4
Food and Drink Manufacturing Operations	11	92	103
Food Manufacture	47	72	119
Furniture Production	0	2	2
Gas Utilisation, Installation and Maintenance	0	23	23
Glass Industry Occupations	0	8	8
Hairdressing	198	16	214
Health and Social Care	921	139	1060
Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration	0	40	40
Hospitality and Catering	152	143	295
Insurance	0	1	1
IT Services and Development	4	45	49

IT Users	82	54	136
Land Based Service Engineering	0	40	40
Light Vehicle Body and Paint Operations	0	4	4
Management	191	190	381
Mechanical Engineering Services (Plumbing)	1	104	105
Motor Vehicle Industry	1	141	142
Pharmacy Services	19	4	23
Polymer Processing	2	2	4
Print Administration	0	5	5
Print Production	0	20	20
Printing Industry	0	19	19
Retail	183	128	311
Security Systems	1	23	24
Team Leading	189	133	322
Travel Services	3	1	4
Vehicle Maintenance and Repair	2	271	273
Water Utility Operations	1	38	39
Youth Work	2	2	4
Not Known	3	7	10
Total	3377	4181	7558

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 25th October 2013

⁽¹⁾ Data refer to the number of participants on the programme/provision at a point in time, in this case 31st July 2013