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Senator Urquhart asked:

Can the Bureau of Meteorology provide detail on the qualifications of staff involved in climate data collection and analysis?

Answer:

Bureau staff involved in the analysis, monitoring and forecasting of climate have a range of qualifications. While a Bachelor of Science or Engineering degree is common, many staff hold the Diploma of Meteorology (Forecasting) and also Masters degrees and/or PhDs in climate or other disciplines related to meteorology.

Bureau staff who have specific responsibilities for observing the weather and data management, including quality controlling this data, have completed the mandatory Bureau of Meteorology one year tertiary training course in Observational Meteorology.