



Australian Government



Jobs and Skills Australia

Ministerial Advisory Board meeting – Friday 21 June 2024

Meeting communique

The second meeting of the Ministerial Advisory Board was held on Friday 21 June 2024 in Sydney.

The Ministerial Advisory Board (Advisory Board) further considered matters related to the establishment of the Education and Training Reference Group and provided in-principle endorsement of the Education and Training Reference Group's Terms of Reference. The purpose of the Education and Training Reference Group will be to provide advice to the Advisory Board on matters relating to tertiary education and its intersection with the performance and functions of Jobs and Skills Australia.

The Advisory Board endorsed in-principle, the Jobs and Skills Australia's annual work plan for 2024-25. Across 5 strategic outcomes – fostering inclusive participation, understanding today's workforce, shaping Australia's future workforce, optimising pathways and system architecture and activating and informed dialogue – Jobs and Skills Australia has outlined an ambitious work plan that will provide critical advice, analysis and insights on Australia's workforce and skills needs across the economy. The Advisory Board looks forward to supporting Jobs and Skills Australia in the year ahead.

The Advisory Board welcomed an initial discussion on the development of Jobs and Skills Australia's Strategic Plan 2024-27. The Strategic Plan will set a strong foundation to guide Jobs and Skills Australia's work over the coming years – work that will be focused on achieving important outcomes such as fostering inclusive participation and shaping Australia's future workforce. The Advisory Board looks forward to working with Jobs and Skills Australia to further develop the Strategic Plan 2024-27.

A program of regular engagement between the Advisory Board and Jobs and Skills Councils will be developed and integrated into the Advisory Board work plan.

The Advisory Board was updated on several projects, including the Early Childhood Education and Care Capacity Study, Core Skills Occupations Lists, International Students Pathways and Outcomes Study, and Foundation Skills Study.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 26 August 2024 in Melbourne.

Attendees: Cath Bowtell (Chair), Megan Lilly (Deputy Chair), Annie Butler, Correna Haythorpe, Natalie Heazlewood, Nyadol Nyuon, Rae Cooper, Andrew Dettmer, El Gibbs, Jodie Wallace, Barney Glover, Natalie James.

Apologies: Liam O'Brien (Deputy Chair), Luke Achterstraat, Jack Beetson, Bran Black, Lil Healy.

Presenters: David Turvey (JSA), Joanna Reeve (JSA), Cliff Bingham (JSA), Damian Oliver (JSA), Natasha Yemm (JSA).