

Ministerial Advisory Board meeting – Monday 2 December 2024

Meeting communique

The fifth meeting of the Ministerial Advisory Board was held on Monday 2 December 2024 in Melbourne.

The Advisory Board:

- acknowledged the appointment of Bran Black as Deputy Chair and Jodie Trembath as a recently appointed member of the Advisory Board.
- noted the update provided from the Commissioner of Jobs and Skills Australia on current strategic activities, including that the 2024-25 work plan is approved and published
- discussed and endorsed the JSA Strategic Plan: 2024-27 noting that it is a dynamic document which will be regularly reviewed and updated.
- appointed Jodie Trembath as the new Co-Chair, of the Education and Training Reference Group and discussed the findings and actions arising from the third meeting of the Education and Training Reference Group.
- invited Co-Chairs to consider how to maximise all voices on the Reference Group for maximum benefit.
- provided strategic advice and direction on the major cohort and capacity studies for 2024-25, including the Gender Cohort Study and the International Students Pathways and Outcomes Study (ISPOS) and noted progress with the Generative AI Capacity Study. The importance of having diverse voices actively involved in these projects was recognised.
- endorsed the governance principles for capacity and cohort studies.
- noted the Gender Cohort Study's proposed scope, endorsed the steering committee members and encouraged the Study team to continue to refine the research questions.
- agreed to establish a small working group to provide feedback on the draft ISPOS report and future stages.
- discussed and provided feedback on JSA's proposed approach to developing both the 2025 Occupational Shortage List and any future advice it provides on the Core Skills Occupation List (noting that its scope and timing will be dependent on decisions of the Australian Government), focusing on the most effective way to engage with stakeholders.
- heard from HumanAbility, who provided a strategic update on their current priorities, including work that is being undertaken with the range of sectors that they represent.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 2025 in Melbourne. Date TBC.

Attendees: Cath Bowtell (Chair); Liam O'Brien (Deputy Chair); Bran Black (Deputy Chair); Annie Butler; Luke Achterstraat; Jodie Trembath; Jack Beetson; Rae Cooper; El Gibbs; Nyadol Nyuon; Lil Healy; Barney Glover; Natalie James; Hon Andrew Giles MP

Apologies: Correna Haythorpe; Jodie Wallace (Kareena Arthy proxy)

Presenters: David Turvey (JSA); Cliff Bingham (JSA); Emma Cannen (JSA); Alison Cleary (JSA); Emma King (HumanAbility); Rob Bonner (HumanAbility).