

# Ministerial Advisory Board meeting – Monday 16 June 2025

## Meeting communique

The Ministerial Advisory Board met in Sydney on Monday 16 June 2025.

The Advisory Board:

- noted the resignation of Nyadol Nyuon and thanked her for her valuable contributions to the Advisory Board.
- noted the presentation from the Productivity Commission, in particular the current inquiry into building a more skilled and adaptable workforce.
- noted outcomes from the 2025-26 JSA work plan public consultation process. Members provided feedback on the proposed framing of the 2025-26 JSA work plan and future approach for delivering capacity and cohorts studies. Members discussed and provided advice on the proposed draft JSA work plan for 2025-26 and the prioritisation of potential studies across the forward years.
- considered JSA's proposed approach for delivering First Nations research in 2025-26 and recommended opportunities where JSA could make a strong impact through future research.
- agreed that a First Nations Cultural Advisory Group should be established to ensure First Nations perspectives are able to better inform the design and delivery of JSA's work program.
- noted the significant data gaps that exist for Australians with disability and the efforts underway to address these through the development of the National Disability Data Asset. The Board supported JSA's commitment to gain access to this asset in 2025-26 and lay the groundwork for future potential disability work in 2026-27 and beyond. The Board encouraged JSA to enrich the draft work plan and liaise with various agencies in role delineation and collaboration.
- considered the development of the 2025 Jobs and Skills Report, including draft framing and timeframes.
- supported the approach for the development of the Jobs and Skills Report and looks forward to working with JSA to highlight the findings and key outcomes.
- discussed the review of the operation of the Education and Training Reference Group. The Board endorsed it evolving into the Education and Training Advisory Group and remaining as a sub-function of the Ministerial Advisory Board.
- discussed and endorsed the Project Advisory Group for the VET Blueprint project.
- discussed JSA's proposed strategy for assessing the drivers of occupation shortages, focusing on proposed methodology enhancements for further development during 2025-26.

- noted the update provided from the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioners of Jobs and Skills Australia on current activities and endorsed the National Skills Taxonomy Terms of Reference and Advisory Group members.
- noted that JSAs Generative AI Capacity Study is nearing completion, with publication scheduled for July / August 2025. The Board noted that it will include a significant amount of innovative analysis and stakeholder engagement, to underpin important whole-of-labour-market findings and recommendations. The study will critically shape a constructive public discussion on Generative AI and the future labour market, including by providing reform options (utilising tripartite actors), informing the development of the National AI Capability Plan, and recommending further research and ongoing monitoring.
- discussed JSA's Regional Jobs and Skills Roadmap – Phase 1 report, which is due to be released in early July 2025. Board members highlighted the significance of regional, rural and remote Australia, and recognised the important contribution the Roadmap will make towards ensuring the jobs and skills system in Regional Australia is equitable, effective and efficient. Board members look forward to the launch of the Roadmap and will continue to engage on the project as JSA works towards publishing a Phase 2 report in late 2025 or early 2026.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 11 August 2025 in Sydney.

**Attendees:** Cath Bowtell (Chair); Liam O'Brien (Deputy Chair); Bran Black (Deputy Chair); Annie Butler; Correna Haythorpe; David Henry; Caroline Smith; Jodie Trembath; Jack Beetson; Rae Cooper; El Gibbs; Lill Healy; Jodie Wallace; Hon Andrew Giles MP (part meeting).

**Apologies:** Luke Achterstraat; Natalie James (proxy Simon Booth); Barney Glover.

**Presenters:** Catherine De Fontenay and Jessica Reid (Productivity Commission); David Turvey (JSA); Megan Lilly (JSA); Trevor Gauld (JSA); Cliff Bingham (JSA); Bjorn Jarvis (JSA); Hudan Nuch (JSA); Rayeed Rahman (JSA).