



Australian Government



Jobs and Skills Australia

Ministerial Advisory Board meeting – Monday 20 October 2025

Meeting communique

The Ministerial Advisory Board met in Melbourne on Monday 20 October 2025.

The Advisory Board:

- noted the resignation of Luke Acherstraat from the Board and thanked him for his contributions.
- heard from participants and attendees at the Economic Reform Roundtable and discussed outcomes and implications for the JSA 2025-26 work plan and upcoming work.
- received an update from Dr Michele Bruniges, who is leading the JSA Legislated Review. The update covered a summary of how the review will be conducted, the Terms of Reference and the consultation process.
- reviewed the project scoping for the second tranche of projects proposed for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 work plans. Members provided early advice for consideration and endorsed the current scoping approach.
- noted the update on the VET National Data Asset (VNDA) and discussed its applications and considerations across the skills system. Members welcomed ongoing work to make insights accessible and useful for diverse stakeholders and provided advice on approaches to apply and communicate VNDA findings.
- received an overview on its contributions to the implementation of the Australian Government's Migration Strategy, including insights from recent stakeholder consultation undertaken to support JSA's 2025 advice on the Core Skills Occupation List (CSOL). Members provided feedback on the process for the provision of this advice to government.
- received a presentation from Public Skills Australia on their current strategic activities and its expected impacts on the skills and employment landscape.
- received a presentation from the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations on the revised methodology for the Australian Apprenticeship Priority List.
- noted the update provided from the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioners of Jobs and Skills Australia on current activities.
- Noted the update on the first meeting of the refreshed sub-working group, the Education and Training Advisory Group, which took place on Friday 10 October.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 1 December 2025 in Melbourne.

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

Apologies: Bran Black (Deputy Chair); Jodie Trembath; Correna Haythorpe; Luke Achterstraat.

Proxies/Observers: Pieta Davis (for Bran Black); Sushmitha Kasturi (for Jodie Trembath); Adele Sutton (for Luke Achterstraat).

JSA: Barney Glover; David Turvey; Megan Lilly; Trevor Gauld; Bjorn Jarvis; Fan Xiang.

DEWR: Natalie James; Anna Faithfull; Ryan Thomas.

Presenters: Luke Mansfield, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing; Sharon Robertson and Paul Williams, Manufacturing Industry Skills Alliance.