



Australian Government



Jobs and Skills Australia

Ministerial Advisory Board meeting – Monday 1 December 2025

Meeting communique

The Ministerial Advisory Board met in Melbourne on Monday 1 December 2025.

The Advisory Board:

- received a presentation from Dr Michele Bruniges AM on the key findings and recommendations arising from the legislated review of the Jobs and Skills Australia Act 2022 and provided feedback to inform the final report to Government.
- provided feedback on proposed updates to the JSA Strategic Plan: 2024-27 noting it is a dynamic document which may be further reviewed and updated.
- received an update on JSA's new analytical report stream, including progress on 5 initial topics: Labour Market Efficiency, Worker Preferences and Quality Jobs, Lifelong Learning, Apprenticeships and Traineeships and Business Investment in Training. The Board endorsed the proposed approach to outputs, proposed a 3-phase engagement process and requested the out-of-cycle circulation of a summary of the feedback provided at the meeting.
- noted the National Skills Taxonomy (NST) update, its alignment with government priorities and JSA's strategic direction. Members endorsed ongoing stakeholder engagement and pilot efforts to ensure the NST is inclusive, practical and responsive to Australia's evolving skills and workforce needs.
- were provided an update from the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations on the National Industry Engagement Arrangements Evaluation including scope of works and timeline.
- noted the draft report produced by the Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research to support JSA in establishing a First Nations Advisory Group and supported the progress of implementing the recommendations to stand-up the Group.
- received a presentation from Service and Creative Skills Australia on their current strategic activities and its expected impacts on the skills and employment landscape.
- noted the update provided from the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioners of Jobs and Skills Australia on current activities.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 24 February 2026 in Melbourne.

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

Apologies: Natalie James; Correna Haythorpe; El Gibbs.

Proxies/Observers: Adele Sutton.

JSA: Barney Glover; Cliff Bingham; Megan Lilly; Trevor Gauld; Bjorn Jarvis; Fan Xiang; Maria Shanahan.

DEWR: Simon Booth.

Presenters: Dr Michele Bruniges (LSA Legislated Review); Danica Yanchenko; & Liam Smyth (DEWR), Natalie Turmine, Service and Creative Skills Australia