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Jobs and Skills Australia

Ministerial Advisory Board meeting – Tuesday 24 February 2026

Meeting communique

The Ministerial Advisory Board met in Melbourne on Tuesday 24 February 2026.

The Advisory Board:

- discussed JSA’s proposed approach to implementing recommendations of the Review and agreed that clarifying the Advisory Board’s strategic role, particularly in early scoping within JSA’s enduring program model, will strengthen the link between program priorities and system impact.
- supported JSA’s direction to refine a joined up tripartite engagement approach, including clearer communication channels with the Advisory Board and opportunities for members to champion key work where appropriate.
- endorsed the broad approach and noted that further refinement of engagement arrangements and sub-group structures will continue.
- discussed the proposed approach to support development of a long-term JSA work plan focused on enduring programs of work and lines of enquiry.
- provided feedback on areas of risk and opportunity to support JSA’s activities and impact relevant to current and emerging national priorities.
- discussed mechanisms and approaches for maximising JSA’s impact more broadly.
- received a presentation from Mining and Automotive Skills Alliance on their current strategic activities and its expected impacts on the skills and employment landscape.
- received early insights and updates for Labour Market Efficiency, Lifelong Learning, Measuring Business Investment in Training, and Displaced Workers projects. Members provided feedback and insights for consideration.
- noted the update provided from the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioners of Jobs and Skills Australia on current activities.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 14 May 2026 in Sydney.

Attendees: Cath Bowtell (Chair), Liam O'Brien, Annie Butler, Correna Haythorpe; Jodie Trembath, Bran Black, David Henry, Caroline Smith, Jack Beetson, Rae Cooper, El Gibbs; Jodie Wallace.

Apologies: Lill Healy.

Proxies/observers: Adele Sutton (COSBOA), Alexandra Paterson (for Lill Healy).

JSA: Barney Glover, Megan Lilly, Trevor Gauld, Simon Booth; Cliff Bingham, Maria Shanahan, Fan Xiang; Courtney Hart.

Ministerial: Hon Andrew Giles MP (part meeting); Emilia Hutchinson.

DEWR: Simon Duggan; Anna Faithful; Celia Gleeson.

JSA Secretariat: Joanne Murray; Simon Cosier; Victoria Roberts.

Presenters: Dr Gavin Lind, CEO, Mining and Automative Skills Alliance; Natasha Yemm (JSA); Emma Cannen (JSA); Andrew Edwards (JSA).