

Ministerial Advisory Board meeting – Thursday 14 May 2026

Meeting communique

The Ministerial Advisory Board met online on Thursday 14 May 2026.

The Advisory Board:

- welcomed Ms Skye Cappuccio as a new Board member and noted the Minister has extended current members' appointments, including Deputy Chairs, to March 2027
- considered the draft 2026-27 Jobs and Skills Australia public work plan. The Board noted that JSA will finalise the public work plan in consultation with Ministers. The board also noted that JSA will continue to work on internal implementation of the 2026-27 work plan, including the development of prioritisation over the coming months
- received insights and updates for Worker Experiences and Quality Jobs, Small Business and Self-Employment, Apprentices and Trainees and Recent Trends for Displaced Workers in Australia projects. Members provided feedback and insights for consideration
- received a presentation from Future Skills Organisation on their Artificial Intelligence research and discussed areas of interest.
- 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 21 July 2026 in Melbourne.

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

Apologies: Correna Haythorpe.

Proxies/observers: Conor Siryj (for Correna Haythorpe)

JSA: Barney Glover, Megan Lilly, Trevor Gauld, Simon Booth; Natasha Yemm; Maria Shanahan, Fan Xiang; Claire Sparke; Courtney Hart.

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

DEWR: Simon Duggan (part meeting); Laura Angus.

JSA Secretariat: Joanne Murray; Simon Cosier.

Presenters: Patrick Kidd and Tim Burt (Future Skills Organisation); Andrew Edwards (JSA); Emma Cannen (JSA); Natasha Yemm (JSA).