

Ministerial Advisory Board meeting – Tuesday 21 July 2026

Meeting communique

The Ministerial Advisory Board met in person on Tuesday 21 July 2026.

The Advisory Board:

- discussed current and emerging issues from across the various sectors to help inform the work of Jobs and Skills Australia.
- considered the implementation of the 2026-27 JSA work plan. The board provided its feedback and endorsed the proposed priority projects for forward JSA focus. The board notes they will have continued engagement on priority projects as they are progressed.
- discussed JSA's insights paper on Measuring Employer Investments in Learning, providing strategic advice on how collective advocacy could lift the impact of this work and the interconnections with lifelong learning and a skills-first labour market.
- considered the current progress update and provided advice on the opportunities to improve the Occupation Shortage List methodology, outputs, and quality of results.
- discussed the Workers' Experiences of Labour Market Conditions and Insights on Job Quality in Australia projects.
- received a presentation from Skills Insight on their current strategic activities, barriers to improvement, and the expected impacts on the skills and employment landscape.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 29 September 2026 in Sydney.

Attendees

Members: Ms Cath Bowtell (Chair); Mr Liam O'Brien (Deputy Chair); Ms Annie Butler; Ms Correna Haythorpe; Mr David Henry; Ms Skye Cappuccio; Dr Caroline Smith; Dr Jodie Trembath; Prof Jack Beetson; Prof Rae Cooper; Ms Jodie Wallace; Ms Lill Healy.

Apologies: Mr Bran Black (Deputy Chair); Ms El Gibbs.

Proxies/observers: Ms Peita Davis (for Bran Black).

JSA: Ms Megan Lilly; Mr Trevor Gauld; Dr Simon Booth; Mr Cliff Bingham; Ms Claire Sparke; Ms Jodie Wearne; Ms Fan Xiang; Ms Courtney Hart.

Minister's Office: Hon Andrew Giles MP (attended to 1.10pm).

DEWR: Mr Simon Duggan (attended to 2.40pm); Ms Anna Faithfull.

JSA Secretariat: Ms Joanne Murray; Mr Simon Cosier; Ms Aurora Leggett.

Presenters: Mr Dugald Murray and Mr Todd Loydell (Skills Insight).