



# Ministerial Advisory Board meeting – Monday 28 October 2024

## Meeting communique

The fourth meeting of the Ministerial Advisory Board was held on Monday 28 October 2024 in Melbourne.

The Advisory Board:

- acknowledged receipt of Andrew Dettmer’s resignation effective 1 November 2024. The Advisory Board thanked Andrew for his significant contributions over an extended period.
- noted the update provided from the Commissioner of Jobs and Skills Australia on current strategic activities.
- discussed the capacity and cohort studies and agreed to receive the principles guiding governance.
- discussed and noted findings and actions arising from the second meeting of the Education and Training Reference Group.
- considered the final draft 2024 Jobs and Skills Report and associated launch events. The Advisory Board supports the approach for finalising the 2024 Report and the engagement with stakeholders in the states and territories via the roadshow.
- noted the closure report for the 2023-24 annual work plan and provided feedback on the consultation approach for Jobs and Skills Australia’s 2025-26 annual work plan. The Advisory Board acknowledges the significant impact Jobs and Skills Australia’s advice had through its 2023-24 deliverables and looks forward to supporting Jobs and Skills Australia in framing the key priorities and outcomes for 2025-26 over the coming months.
- received an update on the progress of the Foundation Skills Study and noted the significant work that has gone into this project so far.
- were provided a presentation from BuildSkills Australia, who provided a strategic update on current priorities, including work being undertaken with respect to housing.
- noted the Australian Government’s Working for Women strategy and the work of the Office for Women, noting the intersection with the Gender Study.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 2 December 2024 in Melbourne.

**Attendees:** Cath Bowtell (Chair); Liam O’Brien (Deputy Chair); Bran Black (A/g Deputy Chair); Annie Butler; Correna Haythorpe; Jack Beetson; Rae Cooper; El Gibbs; Nyadol Nyuon; Jodie Wallace; Lil Healy; Barney Glover; Anna Faithfull.

**Apologies:** Luke Achterstraat; Natalie James.

**Presenters:** Hon Andrew Giles MP; David Turvey (JSA); Fan Xiang (JSA); Brett Schimming; Gabrielle Trainor; Paula Masters (BuildSkills Australia), Padma Raman (PM&C)