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Government of South Australia
Training and Skills Commission

Communique

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The Training and Skills Commission (TaSC) met on the 22 June 2017 at the Australian Maritime and Fisheries Academy in Port Adelaide.

The third Commission meeting for 2017 explored its regulatory functions, its learnings from the recent regional consultations, and progressed work under the Skills for Future Jobs 2020 Series.

Delegations under Part 4 of the *Training and Skills Development Act 2008*

Under the *Training and Skills Development Act, 2008* (TSD Act), the Minister and the Commission both hold a range of powers and functions for the regulation of apprenticeships and traineeships in South Australia. The Commission delegates many functions under the TSD Act to the Department of State Development (DSD) via an Instrument of Delegation.

The Commission reviewed the Instrument of Delegations and determined to further review the Delegations Policy which details the expectations of the Commission in the exercise of its statutory powers and functions delegated under the TSD Act.

The Commission received the 12-month report on Delegations from the Department, including details of employer registration activity, training contract application and variation activity and compliance activity.

TaSC Committees

The Traineeships and Apprenticeships Sub-Committee reported on the development of the discussion paper on Traineeships and Apprenticeships. The Commission also noted the proposed stakeholder engagement approach and that concurrent work was being undertaken on a review of the Traineeship and Apprenticeship (TAP) Schedule.

The Economic and Social Investment Sub-Committee is continuing its focus on the ACE Paper 'The Economic and Social Benefits of Adult Community Education' which forms part of the Skills for Future Jobs 2020 Series. It is currently exploring the question around unmet demand in ACE along with issues on post-delivery, support, case-management and pathways.

The Training Awards Sub-Committee reported that a total of 102 nominations for the 2017 South Australian Training Awards were received and that judging is now in the final stages of completion. Planning for the 1 September Awards Presentation Dinner is progressing.

The Stakeholder Engagement Sub-Committee did not meet during this period, however the Commission noted the successful launch of the Skills for Future Jobs 2020 series and the positive feedback of several key stakeholders.

Defence Workforce Planning

The Commission was provided with a briefing from the Department of State Development on the planned Naval Shipbuilding College (Commonwealth) along with information on State Government initiatives supporting the defence sector.

The Commission noted the significant amount of work being undertaken by multiple organisations in response to the future skills and workforce needs of the defence manufacturing industry. Given its interest in the impact on South Australia's demand for skills, training and workforce planning, the Commission will maintain a watching brief as these initiatives progress.

2020 Series

Noting the updates on the draft ACE and Traineeships and Apprenticeships papers in the sub-committee reports, another significant body of work soon to commence is the second iteration of the Report to Government on Industry Priority Qualifications (IPQ). A review of the approach and methodology will be undertaken with high-level stakeholders by the end of 2017, with an anticipated launch of the new survey in mid-2018.

Trade Recognition

A presentation and discussion was held on the topic of trade recognition and the opportunities for future policy considerations around the role it might play in workforce planning and development.

Australian Maritime Fisheries Academy (AMFA)

The Chief Executive of the AMFA provided the Commission with an overview of the Academy followed by a tour of the Port Adelaide facilities. The Academy was founded in 1997 and established an industry-managed education centre for the maritime, fishing and seafood industries. It is now recognised as a leader in the provision of industry-based education and development programs in Australia, with three campuses: Port Adelaide; Port Lincoln and the Indigenous Maritime and Fishing Centre in the Northern Territory.

Upcoming Events:

The Commission will be undertaking a future Regional Visit on the 17 and 18 November with the location yet to be confirmed.

The next Commission Meeting will be held on Thursday 17 August 2017.