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Government of South Australia
Training and Skills Commission

Communique

8-9 February 2018

The Training and Skills Commission (TaSC) met on the 8 and 9 February 2018 for a two-day planning session at Mt Lofty House, Crafers.

The first Commission meeting for each year is a planning session held over two days to prepare the Commission in its role of providing advice to the State Government and to confirm its work agenda. The Commission identified a number of areas to address, including:

- Mapping of Commission's work agenda against its functions (what is going well, where are the gaps)
- Governance arrangements and Managing Risk
- Confirmation of Sub-Committees and meeting protocols
- Regional consultation dates and locations for 2018
- Evaluation of Commission Guidelines and Policies
- Training Awards Evaluation
- Review of the Commission's Marketing and Communications Strategy, also consideration of how the Commission maintains informal networks
- State and National relationships.

Guests

- The Executive Director, Skills and Employment, Department of State Development, and his Executive team, provided an update to the Commission on the highlights from 2017, challenges and directions for 2018, and discussed opportunities for collaboration between the Commission and the Division.
- A representative from Rosey Batt & Associates, facilitated a session with the Commission to identify strategies to improve governance arrangements, and identify possible risk factors for the Commission.
- The Victorian Skills Commissioner met with the Commission on the first day, to provide his thoughts on the key dimensions of the national training system, and areas that South Australia can be of value. The Commission noted many similarities between the Victorian and South Australian systems.

'2020 Series'

The Commission considered further work on the 'Skills for Future Jobs 2020 Series'.

TaSC Economic Outlook 2018: An updated Economic Outlook was presented by A Bowker from the Office of OTaSC (the Commission commended him on an excellent piece of work). Further work to be done to refine the paper including the Introduction section and the specific language around consultation.

Future of Traineeships and Apprenticeships: The Traineeship and Apprenticeship Sub-Committee (TAC) has developed a draft of the T&A Paper and considerable work has been progressed. The indicative timeframe for the release of the T&A paper is early March 2018.

Industry Priority Qualifications: The process for developing the next round of the IPQ was discussed. It was noted that discussions have taken place with NCVET, the development of the survey is well underway making it much clearer and easy to understand, and a research company is being engaged. A tested version will be sent to the whole Commission in the next month for consideration.

Regional Profiles: Finalisation of the new regional profiles is underway. The data is being refined and will incorporate qualitative information from several sources, including the Skills and Employment workshops held in the regions. Feedback has been sourced from the Department's regional managers, along with RegionsSA. A further round of feedback will be sought from the various RDA's prior to finalising and launching the profiles to ensure the accuracy of the qualitative information and assertions around regional opportunities.

TaSC Sub-Committees

The Executive Sub-Committee: No further meetings have been held since the last Commission meeting. This group meets on an 'as-needs' basis.

The Traineeships and Apprenticeships Sub-Committee: The Sub-Committee discussed the process going forward for Supervision, Review of the TAP Schedule, and the Traineeship and Apprenticeship discussion paper. The next meeting is scheduled for 27 March 2018.

The Economic and Social Investment Sub-Committee: It was noted that the Sub-Committee agreed to change its name to 'Adult Community Education'. The Chair advised that the promotion of ACE is a high priority and consideration is being given to the development of an ACE website. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 29 March 2018.

The Training Awards Sub-Committee: Meetings of this group were held 5 December 2017 and 30 January 2018. It was noted that the Nomination Booklet for 2018 is finalised, Sponsorship is on track, and consideration is being given to the training awards Marketing and Communications Plan. The Commission received the 2017 Evaluation Report for the SA Training Awards and Australian Training Awards for noting and comment.

The Stakeholder Engagement Sub-Committee: A meeting of this group was held on 15 December 2017 to discuss the groups forward agenda. Executive support from the Office of TaSC for this group is to be determined.

The next Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 12 April 2018.