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Government of South Australia
Training and Skills Commission

Communique

12 April 2018

The Training and Skills Commission (TaSC) met on the 12 April 2018 at the office of the Australian Industry Group (AIG) SA, in Wayville.

The Commission, welcomed their new Minister for Industry and Skills, Hon David Pisoni MP, who attended for a discussion with the Chief Executive, SACE Board SA.

The Commission reviewed its work agenda following the planning session held earlier in the year.

TAFE SA Review

The TAFE SA Reviewers, met with the Commission to provide an overview of their findings, and provided a copy of the Nous Report (Quality Review of TAFE SA) which was released on 4 April 2018.

The Reviewers have consulted widely within metropolitan Adelaide and regional South Australia and are now finalising their report to be lodged by the end of April 2018 with the respective Minister.

Update from Skills and Employment, Department for Industry and Skills

The Commission received an overview of the recent election outcome and the impacts for the new Department for Industry and Skills.

- Skills and Employment have reporting requirements to two Ministers - Industry and Skills, and Education, with the full implication of the split still occurring.
- Skills and Employment are responsible for several election commitments to be delivered in the first 100 days of Government.
- Discussed national partnerships and the STL changes to occur, and the engagement with the Commission on the approach to the latest Industry Priority Qualifications.
- Work on the establishment of Industry Skills Councils is occurring; this will be an open process with engagement from industry on all aspects. A new Industry Policy to be developed.
- Discussed the development of a Defence Workforce Plan.

Regular update on SSON: A written update on policy matters being discussed at the Skills Senior Officials Network was considered.

Chief Executive, SACE Board of SA

The Commission met with the Chief Executive, SACE Board of SA to discuss VET in Schools, the new SACE, and ways the Commission and the SACE can work together. The outcome is an agreement for the Commission's Traineeship and Apprenticeship Sub-Committee to meet with SACE representatives to continue the conversation, with a specific focus on a review of the VET in SACE Recognition Register, and possibly consider improvements to the SACE 'Personal Learning Plan'.

'2020 Series'

Industry Priority Qualifications: The Commission have provided positive feedback on the draft IPQ Survey. The pre-survey engagement planning and execution is being finalised, with a launch date in May to be confirmed with the Minister.

Future of Traineeships and Apprenticeships: The Commission approved the final draft discussion paper '*Future-proofing the South Australian Apprenticeship and Traineeship System*'. The Minister will be invited to author a Foreword and to launch the paper.

2020 Series Regional Profiles: The Commission considered final copies of the Regional Profiles that incorporate the most up-to-date regional information available, and the latest economic analysis (2018) based on the Commission's industry employment forecasts. The profiles will be placed on the Commission's website and updated accordingly.

TaSC Sub-Committees

The Executive Sub-Committee: had not met since the previous Commission meeting.

The Traineeships and Apprenticeships Sub-Committee: The Commission noted outcomes of recent meetings, noting that the main item considered was the Traineeship and Apprenticeship Discussion Paper. A paper was also noted on the South Australian Training Plan to update the Commission on South Australia's progress to complying with the harmonisation of Apprenticeship/Traineeship training plans. There is no national consensus around Training Plans.

The Adult Community Education Sub-Committee: The Sub-Committee discussed the importance of raising the awareness of ACE (it's purpose, capabilities, where and how to access, particularly to potential participants as well as employers and training providers) and suggested there is still a lot of room for improvement. It was noted that data indicates there are a significant number of youth not re-engaging with learning.

The Training Awards Sub-Committee: The Commission endorsed changes to the closing date for nominations, an increase in ticket prices to the presentation dinner and noted that the 2018 judging panel compositions are currently being finalised.

The Stakeholder Engagement Sub-Committee: The Commission endorsed new terms of reference for the sub-committee, noted that a CRM (customer relationship management) solution has been identified for managing Commission data bases, endorsed a Regional Checklist for stakeholder consultations, and noted that a 'Stakeholder Engagement Tracker' will be created to minimise duplication and increase effective monitoring.

Commission activities

Annual Report: The 2017 Training and Skills Commission Annual Report was provided to the Minister for Industry and Skills on 27 March 2018, as per the legislative requirements outlined in Part 2, section 16(1) of the *Training and Skills Development Act 2008*. The Report will be placed on the Commission's website once received by Parliament.

The next Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 7 June 2018.