

Communique

Meeting No: 2020.1
Date: 17 March 2020

The Agriculture and Production Horticulture Industry Reference Committee (APH IRC) met via teleconference on 17 March 2020. Present at the meeting were APH IRC members, invited guests and representatives from Skills Impact.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chair spoke of the current unprecedented circumstances due to COVID-19 and thanked everyone for their patience to reorganising this meeting to a teleconference. The current situation will potentially require the APH IRC to take part in a number of shorter teleconferences to discuss and reach decisions and maintain operation effectiveness.

Due to the APH IRC meeting shifting to a teleconference, the Chair reviewed the agenda and used his discretionary authority to shorten the agenda and move a number of agenda items listed as administrative matters.

Project Progress 2019 – 2020 Projects

Project reports on the following projects were provided to the meeting members and guests:

- [Ag Biosecurity and Emergency Response Project](#)
- [Horticulture and Nursery Project](#)
- [Medicinal Crops Project](#)
- [Rural Merchandising and Sales Project](#)
- [Agronomy Project](#)

Further clarification for one project has been requested by the IRC.

Skills Forecasting 2020-23

The APH IRC members were briefed on the projects scheduled to be undertaken in the approved unit sector approach review of the AHC Training Package. A number of potential Skills Forecast topics were also discussed.

Reports

APH IRC members were briefed or update on a number of current projects or reports currently influencing the vocational sector. IRC noted the environmental sustainability project will need to be taken into consideration when developing projects in the Schedule of Works.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the APH IRC will be held in April 2020, to discuss the Skills Forecast Annual Update.