

Communique

Meeting No: 2020.02

25 August 2020

The Food, Beverage and Pharmaceutical Industry Reference Committee (IRC) met online on 25 August 2020. Present at the meeting were IRC members, guests and representatives from Skills Impact.

Chairs Succession

A nomination process to replace the current chair of this committee is in progress.

FBP IRC 2021 Annual Update Skills Forecast and Proposed Schedule of Work

The FBP IRC discussed issues to include in the 2021 Annual Update to the Skills Forecast. Issues relating to food waste, indigenous foods, packaging and alternative proteins were revisited. Some sources of further information were suggested by members and guests.

Food and Beverage Processing Project update

Flour Milling and Plant Baking projects

An update on current training package review projects was provided. Members and guests were invited to source relevant subject matter experts and members of these industries to encourage participation.

AISC Sub-Committee requests and projects

VET Reforms

AISC IRC Chairs meeting

Information about the above issues was provided.

Industry round-up

Members and guests were invited to provide a brief overview of trends occurring within their industry sectors as well as more broadly. These included reports on how industries have been affected by the COVID-19 crisis. Most are only minimally affected by the pandemic, except for issues relating to access to labour, supply chain delays and closures of outlets in the retail and hospitality sectors.

Next meeting

It was proposed that the next meeting of this IRC be held in November 2020.