

Food, Beverage and Pharmaceutical Industry Reference Committee

Communique

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1 December 2020

The Food, Beverage and Pharmaceutical Industry Reference Committee (IRC) met via teleconference on 1 December 2020. Present at the meeting were IRC members, guests and representatives from Skills Impact.

Chair's Succession

After this meeting, Fiona Fleming from the Australian Institute of Food Science and Technology will become the Chair of the Food, Beverage and Pharmaceutical IRC.

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

The IRC discussed issues to include in the 2021 Annual Update to the Skills Forecast. The IRC agreed to continue developing Cases for Change relating to the following issues:

- Indigenous foods
- Sugar milling
- Updates and corrections to several unrelated units of competency.

Part A of the 2021 Annual Update requires further review and feedback from members.

Concerns that will be addressed directly with the AISC relate to the workload and responsibilities of IRCs, resources, responsibilities and the alignment of the streamlining and prioritisation focus and IRC industry responsibilities.

Project Updates

An update on the progress of the Food and Beverage Processing Project, Flour Milling Project and the High Volume Production Baking Project was provided. This work is expected to be finalised and available for review by the committee early in 2021.

AISC & VET Reform

A summary of current activities and recent requests from AISC was provided. These included the Streamlining and Prioritisation Framework, the review of no- and low-enrolment units and qualifications, Mandatory Work Placements, Job Family approach and the IRC Toolkit, IRC Checklists and summaries for 'Cases for Endorsement' and 'Cases for Change'.

General Business

Ian Curry, Deputy Chair, and Fiona Fleming, incoming Chair, thanked Anne Astin for her hard work, leadership and direction as Chair of this IRC. Anne thanked all members and Skills Impact for the support and work undertaken over the past four years.

Next meeting

It was proposed that the next meeting of this IRC be held in February 2021.