

## Communique

Date: 16 March 2021

The Meat Industry Reference Committee held its March meeting via Microsoft Teams Meeting videoconference. Four members attended the IRC meeting, thirteen guests, and two invited industry presenters. There were seven apologies.

No conflicts were identified. The Minutes from the December IRC meeting were moved for acceptance and carried.

An update was provided on the *2020-21 Annual Update to the Skills Forecast* related to the potential of a full review of the AMP Training Package to be conducted over three stages including:

- Stage 1: Review the general qualifications and core units to create baseline qualifications
- Stage 2: Review components based on identified industry sectors
- Stage 3: Review all 'butcher' qualifications and specialist areas

The full review of the Training Package is identified in the Case for Change as a multi-stage complex proposal:

- Stage 1: Review of 10 Qualifications and 125 units of Competency
- Stage 2: Review of 5 Qualifications and 287 Units of Competency
- Stage 3: Review of 7 Qualifications and 43 Units of Competency

The IRC endorsed the proposal for public and State/Territory Training Authority (TTA/STA) consultation prior to submission to the Australian Industry and Skills Committee (AISC) for approval to proceed. The IRC requested a more detailed consultation plan be developed to ensure all parts of the industry were provided an opportunity to participate.

An update to the Meat Rendering and Meat Slicing Projects was presented. All Projects have met milestones to date and are undergoing further development prior to the next round of consultation. Draft qualifications, skill sets and units of competency are scheduled to have drafts available for public consultation during April, before being made available for validation during May, 2021.

A VET system reform update was provided which included an examination of the Prioritisation Framework, a tool developed to help industry decide priorities of training package development work, using data and analysis as well as industry intelligence. Supporting documents provided advice to members and guests related to how this tool supports streamlining and rationalisation of training products. The prioritisation framework will have a significant influence on training package projects proposed over the next three years to provide direction for development of training package products based on usage criteria.

The IRC received presentations and industry updates from Heidi Reid from Australian Pork Limited and Dr Vivien Kite from Australian Chicken Meat Federation.

MINTRAC received support to participate and contribute to future online AMPC Network Meetings with updates of training package initiatives and opportunities for product development feedback.

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Findings of the Meat IRC Continuous Improvement Survey were presented to members and guests for noting. A further survey will be conducted towards the end of 2021.

Advice related to approval by the AISC for the proposed new IRC Membership had not been received.

The next IRC meeting is 16 June 2021.