

Meat Industry Reference Committee

Communique – Meeting held on 18 December 2019

The Meat Industry Reference Committee held a full meeting at the Adina Apartment Hotel Sydney Airport. Eight members attended the IRC meeting, four members tendered their apologies.

The IRC discussed the new template for the Annual Update to the Industry Skills Forecast and provided some initial responses to the questions in Section A. More intelligence and data will continue to be gathered early in 2020, with a draft for consultation expected to be developed by the end of February.

Three proposed Cases for Change for 2020 were discussed and approved by the IRC for inclusion in the Annual Update to the Industry Skills Forecast:

- Project 1: Review of the rendering qualification and development of rendering skill sets
- Project 2: Development of meat industry contextualised training and assessment materials
- Project 3: Update *AMPS207 slice product using simple machinery* to suit the retail sector.

The progress of the four current AMP projects was discussed. The projects are progressing to schedule and are currently in the validation phase.

The IRC Deputy Chair and representatives from Skills Impact and MINTRAC provided the meeting with a summary of the AISC Chairs meeting on 4 December. Skills Impact summarised the key points from the COAG National Skills Council Communique and provided an update on the co-design process for the National Skills Council, National Careers Institute and Skills Organisations.

MINTRAC updated the IRC with feedback they had received while attending the Australian Renderers Association General Meeting in November as well as feedback from attendance at other industry meetings.

QMI Solutions provided an overview of the Queensland Beef Processing Strategy 2019-2021.

IRC member tenures were discussed. For the majority of members their three year tenure will expire in February 2020. The general consensus was that the current IRC membership functions well and there were no objections to an extension to December 2020.

Fifteen new matters raised on the Enquiries and Issues Register were addressed and actions determined.

The date for the next meeting was agreed and will be held on 24 March 2020 in Adelaide, venue to be advised.

The proposed Meat IRC meeting schedule for 2020 is:

- 24 March 2020, Adelaide
- 16 June 2020, Sydney
- 20 October 2020, Gold Coast
- 15 December 2020, Sydney.