

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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Career engagement and advice for students

Question

Have working groups been convened to consider career engagement and advice? If yes, who is on the working groups, when have they met, and what have the agendas been? Please share any papers that have been circulated with stakeholders regarding career engagement.

Answer

Schools Vocational Learning and Training (SVLT) Working Group

The SVLT Working Group was established under the then Standing Council on School Education and Early Childhood (SCSEEC) in 2014. It included representatives from:

- Australian Government Department of Education and Training (Chair)
- each state and territory department of education
- National Catholic Education Commission
- Independent Schools Council of Australia
- Australasian Curriculum, Assessment and Certification Authorities
- Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Australian Industry Group
- TAFE Directors Australia
- Group Training Australia
- two representatives from Industry Skills Councils.

The SVLT Working Group met five times in 2014, four times in 2015 and three times in 2016:

- 2014 meetings focused on developing the Preparing Secondary Students for Work framework.
- 2015 meetings focused on how to support implementation of the framework, the development of resources including fact sheets on school and industry collaboration, career education and a vocational education and training (VET) self-assessment tool.
- 2016 meetings focused on implementation issues relating to improving access to qualified teachers and trainers for the delivery of VET to secondary students; improving the collection of data, reporting and research on VET delivered to secondary students, supporting the national collaborative actions in the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Strategy 2015 relating to post-school transition goals; and improving career education in schools.

All papers and resources developed by the SVLT Working Group are publicly available at www.pssfw.myskills.gov.au/resources. Research commissioned to inform the group's discussions is available at <https://docs.education.gov.au/documents/everybodys-core-business-research-technical-capabilities-needed-successful-participation>.

National Career Education Strategy (NCES) Working Group

The NCES Working Group was established to develop a National Career Education Strategy on the delivery of career education to students to better prepare them for life beyond school. It was convened in February 2017 with representatives from:

- Australian Government Department of Education and Training (Chair)
- each state and territory department of education
- National Catholic Education Commission
- Independent Schools Council of Australia
- Australian Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- Business Council of Australia
- Australian Industry Group
- Career Industry Council of Australia
- Australian Parents Council
- Career Development Association of Australia
- Australian Council of State School Organisations
- Catholic School Parents Australia
- Australian Secondary Principals' Association
- Foundation for Young Australians.

The NCES Working Group has met five times to date in 2017. No working group papers have been finalised for circulation to stakeholders.