

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
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**Senator McKenzie provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Regional Jobs Plan Barwon**

Could Skills Australia outline what work has been done to date on the Regional Jobs Plan Barwon?

**Answer**

The Regional Education, Skills and Jobs Plan for the Barwon South West region is being developed. The Regional Education, Skills and Jobs Coordinator is examining data and complementary stakeholder plans for the region. They are also consulting with stakeholders, including Regional Development Australia Barwon South West, to identify priorities, goals and strategies for the region.

The Regional Education, Skills and Jobs Coordinator has been working with Regional Development Australia Barwon South West, community organisations and businesses such as Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation, the Committee for Portland, Local Learning and Employment Networks for South West, Geelong and Glenelg Southern Grampians and the local government network in the Barwon South West.

The Regional Education, Skills and Jobs Coordinator is currently working on a number of community, industry and education and training initiatives with community organisations and education and training providers including Deakin University, the Gordon and the South West Institutes of TAFE and the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology. They are also working with state government agencies and Australian Government service providers including Job Services Australia, Australian Apprenticeship Centres, Department of Human Services and Disability Employment Services.