

# Skills and Productivity Board - meeting 2

Thursday 28 January 2021

13:00 to 17:00

## Attendees

Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson

David Rey (Acting Chair, Senior Advisor to Stephen van Rooyen)

Arun Advani

Claire Crawford

Andrew Dickerson

Ewart Keep

Grace Lordan

Chris Pissarides

SPB secretariat

Department for Education officials

## Agenda item 1 - Welcome

Key objectives for the meeting:

- agreeing aspects of scope on question 1
- obtaining a clear picture of the Secretary of State's priorities on skills
- providing an update on next steps on question 2 and question 3

## Agenda item 2 - Update on question 1 work strands

The board discussed the level of analysis to consider (sector, occupation, localities), and the different measures of the severity of skills mismatches.

The board agreed:

- to consider skills from an occupational perspective
- that measures of mismatch should cover both supply and demand of skills
- that it needs to have a functional and relevant skills taxonomy

## Agenda item 3 and 4 - Discussion with the Secretary of State for Education

The Secretary of State for Education shared his priorities for skills reform and expressed his enthusiasm for the board's work.

Board members engaged in Q&A with the Secretary of State.

## **Agenda item 5 - Initial output**

The board discussed when and how to showcase its work.

The board agreed to:

- wait until confident it has robust analysis to share with key stakeholders before initiating substantive external engagement
- test findings with key stakeholders as an input to a public facing product

## **Agenda item 6 - AOB**

Secretariat and work strand leads provided updates on questions 2 and 3 and agreed next steps.

Department for Education officials presented a teach-in on 'Adult Skills and Retraining' and board members engaged in a Q&A.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 3 March 2021.