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Senator McKenzie provided in writing.

Question

Regional Jobs Plan for Grampians

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

Answer

The Regional Education, Skills and Jobs Plan for the Grampians 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 Grampians, to identify priorities, goals and strategies for the region.

The Regional Education, Skills and Jobs Coordinator for Grampians has been working with local stakeholders including the Local Learning and Employment Network, the Wimmera Region Youth Affairs Network and the Wimmera Development Association. They are also working with state government agencies, local government, education and training providers such as Adult Community and Further Education, University of Ballarat, and Australian Government service providers including Job Services Australia, Disability Employment Services, Australian Apprenticeship Centres, Industry Skills Councils and the Australian Government Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education.

The Regional Education, Skills and Jobs Coordinator is assisting Regional Development Australia Grampians to develop a Workforce Development Plan for the region. The plan seeks to identify emerging directions for business and industry in the Grampians region, and the workforce skills which will be required to ensure regional competitiveness, prosperity and growth. The project will also focus on how education and training providers can anticipate and meet emerging workforce development needs. The project has a focus on four key industries in the Grampians region; manufacturing, health care and social assistance, agriculture and tourism.