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COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION MEETING

6 JUNE 2025

On 6 June 2025, the Hon Jason Clare MP, Minister for Education, the Hon Andrew Giles MP, Minister for Skills and Training and the Hon Julian Hill MP, Assistant Minister for International Education and Assistant Minister for Citizenship, Customs and Multicultural Affairs, met with the Council for International Education (Council) Expert Members to discuss the Australian Government's policy agenda for international education.

Minister Clare highlighted the role of the Council and its important work to support a high quality and resilient sector. Minister Clare welcomed Assistant Minister Hill's return to the Council and new role as Deputy Chair. Assistant Minister Hill reflected on his recent appointment as Assistant Minister for International Education, and the value of international education in supporting Australia's national interests. Minister Clare also welcomed newly appointed Expert Member Ms Cheryl Jolliffe, Vice President Future Students at Bond University. Minister Clare and Minister Giles are working together to shortly appoint an additional new Expert Member from the Vocational Education and Training sector.

In discussing the Government's priorities, Minister Clare acknowledged the importance of working with the sector on the international education reform process following the May 2025 election and discussed the Government's ongoing commitment to a sustainable sector where growth is well managed. Minister Clare acknowledged work underway to provide the sector with clarity on arrangements going forward and ahead of 2026. Minister Clare noted a future role for the new Australian Tertiary Education Commission, which will commence in an interim capacity from 1 July, in international education through Mission-Based Compacts.

Minister Giles emphasised the need for a continued focus on integrity measures, the priority being given to a coordinated approach to international education across the sector and the importance of listening to stakeholders. Assistant Minister Hill reiterated the Government's commitment to maintaining Australia's reputation as a high-quality education provider, including by progressing work on integrity, and the government's ongoing focus on enhancing diversification and increasing student housing. Assistant Minister Hill acknowledged the importance of finalising policy settings to provide certainty for the sector, and to inform the finalisation of a national strategy setting out shared priorities for government and the sector.

Expert Members of the Council shared their perspectives on key policy considerations for international education and provided feedback on approaches to strengthening the sustainability and integrity of the sector. Subjects canvassed included Australia's student visa arrangements, diversification opportunities, student accommodation and considerations for sustainable growth. Discussions with the sector on policy settings will also be progressed through the Working Group on University Pathway Arrangements and the Student Visa Processing Technical Reference Group, with insights to be shared with the Council.