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On 24 September 2025, the Hon Julian Hill MP, Assistant Minister for International Education and Assistant Minister for Citizenship, Customs and Multicultural Affairs, convened the fourth meeting of the Council for International Education (Council) for 2025.

Professor Barney Glover AO, Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA) Commissioner briefed Expert Members of the Council on key findings and insights from the JSA [International Students Pathways and Outcomes Study final report](#), published on 25 September 2025. The study provides insights into how the education, migration, and employment systems can best work together to enhance the contribution made by international students to Australia's skilled workforce. The report makes 11 recommendations to support a strong Australian workforce built around capable and skilled workers.

Expert Members considered the transitions of international students to other visa categories discussed in the report and the barriers some graduates face in gaining employment. Expert Members considered how the study can further inform understanding of the benefits that high quality international education delivers to Australia.

Expert Members also received an update on the next steps to finalise the International Education and Skills Strategic Framework (Strategic Framework) from Ms Karen Sandercock, A/g Deputy Secretary, Higher Education, Research and International, Department of Education. Ms Sandercock emphasised that government remains committed to establishing an enduring Strategic Framework that provides certainty and stability for the sector and ensures international education continues to deliver on Australia's national interests.

Expert Members noted the importance of finalising the Strategic Framework to provide predictability and stability and to secure the sector's reputation both domestically and overseas. Expert Members highlighted that the Strategic Framework should capture the value of international education to the community and reflect the need to ensure the international education sector retains its social licence, as well as advance the role of international education in productivity and meeting skills needs for Australia and our key regional partners.