

Western Australian Building and Construction Consultative Committee (BCC Committee)

Key Outcomes of Meeting 27 February 2024

- The Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DEMIRS) Secretariat gave a presentation to the BCC Committee on the “White Card” system review. The presentation provided an overview of the Construction Induction Training Card (formerly known as the White Card), summary of the national unit of competence and assessment requirements, how the White Card is implemented nationally and an overview of the potential areas for improvement. Further collection of feedback from members will be collected prior to the next meeting to form the approach. A review of the White Card is one of the initiatives outlined within the Committee’s Strategic Plan.
- Minister McGurk, the Minister for Training and Workforce Development; Water; Industrial Relations joined for part of the meeting. She engaged in discussions with the BCC Committee members on topics including improving gender representation of women within the construction industry as well as the importance of high safety standards and improving industry culture. Discussions also included the attraction and retention of apprentices and contractual frameworks.
- The Construction Training Fund (CTF) provided an overview of apprenticeship initiatives currently being explored and implemented including mentoring, workshops and employer incentives. The presentation also outlined some future opportunities for apprentices and employers.
- The Department of Training and Workforce Development (DTWD) provided a presentation on the Apprenticeship Framework. The presentation provided an overview of existing analysis and research into the role the economy, labour supply and demand for residential dwellings, has on apprenticeships within the construction sector with some recommended solutions. The DTWD is leading one of the short-term activities identified in the Committee’s Strategic Plan relating to the Apprenticeship Framework.
- The next BCC Committee meeting is scheduled for 4 June 2024.