

Western Australian Building and Construction Consultative Committee (BCC Committee)

Key Outcomes of Meeting 4 June 2024

- Minister Ellery, the Minister for Finance; Commerce; Women's Interests joined for the commencement of the meeting. She engaged in discussions with the BCC Committee members on topics including the State Government announcement regarding the Safe and Fair Reform Package. The reforms aim to deliver better outcomes from procurement on Government projects and bolster the local building and construction industry. Discussions included ways the BCCC could support the government procurement reforms. The Department of Finance led a presentation providing further details of the stages of the Safe and Fair Reform Package such as staged implementation and other jurisdictional models.
- Energy Policy Western Australia (EPWA) provided a presentation on the WA Government's green energy transition in WA, including an overview of State and Federal Government immediate and longer-term targets and mechanisms to support the energy transformation strategy.
- WorkSafe provided an overview of its "The Way Forward" strategy. The presentation included findings from WorkSafe's Worst hazards in Western Australian workplaces 2012–13 to 2021–22 Report. Discussions included current physical and psychosocial risks within the construction industry and changes required to improve work health and safety (WHS). Improvements to WHS are a key priority in the Committee's Strategic Plan.
- The Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety Secretariat provided an update on upcoming initiatives to reform industry culture and gave a presentation to the BCC Committee on the "White Card" training review, both initiatives are outlined within the Committee's Strategic Plan. The presentation provided a summary of the feedback from survey results from BCCC members and specific feedback provided by members of the Electrical and Communications Association WA (ECA) regarding their experience and the utility of existing white card training practices in their respective organisations. Other BCCC organisations and associations were invited to share the survey with their members to provide more data.

- The Department of Training and Workforce Development (DTWD) provided a presentation on the Apprenticeship Framework and key findings and analysis of the Western Australian Apprenticeship Framework report. Members discussed the barriers and solutions to apprenticeship engagement in WA. 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 September 2024.