



Australian Government

Department of Education, Science and Training

Participants in the Translators, Interpreters and Auslan Forum

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for your participation in the consultation process to decide on the approach for the development of units of competency and qualifications framework for Translators and Interpreters. I appreciate your time and patience in working through these options.

We received a wide range of responses and input regarding the best way forward. As a result of this input the Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) has decided to ask Government Skills Australia (GSA), the Public Sector Industry Skills Council, to develop an Interpreters and Translators Training Package. GSA will be the lead agency for this project and will work in collaboration with Community Services and Health Industry Skills Council, Innovation and Business Services Australia and Service Skills Australia.

Decisions about the scope of the training package, in particular the inclusion of LOTE competencies, is an area which will require further consultation and consideration. DEST will still immediately fund the redevelopment of Auslan curricula given that its accreditation will shortly expire. This project does not preclude the inclusion of LOTE competencies in the Training Package should that be required.

Government Skills Australia will be communicating with all relevant stakeholders in the near future to explain how the development process will commence.

Please contact me (Melissa.McEwen@dest.gov.au) or David Stroud (David.Stroud@dest.gov.au) if you have any questions or wish to discuss this further.

Thank you once again for your assistance with this work to date.

Yours sincerely

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