

Western Australian Building and Construction Consultative Committee (BCC Committee)

Key Outcomes of Meeting

31 October 2023

- The BCC Committee noted that a copy of the Advice to the Minister for Industrial Relations, regarding the recommendations in the *Building Industry Reform Package 2022* of the Master Builders Association of Western Australia, has been submitted to the Minister for Finance, the Hon Sue Ellery, MLC.
- The Department of Training and Workforce Development gave a presentation to the BCC Committee on apprenticeships in the construction industry. The presentation provided data on such issues as apprentice employers, apprenticeship commencements in construction trades, apprenticeship-employment ratio and future skills shortages, apprenticeships relevant to economic activity and reported skill shortages in the construction industry, and the age profile and wages in the construction industry.
- The acting WorkSafe Commissioner gave a presentation to the BCC Committee on a desktop review of work health and safety (WHS) issues in the commercial construction industry. The presentation covered the profile of the construction industry, data on fatalities and industries, key WHS risks including psychosocial risks, and strategies to address these key risks.
- The BCC Committee discussed the proposed review of the Construction Induction White Card for WHS and some preliminary views on the efficacy of the White Card.
- The BCC Committee agreed it will develop the scope for further in-depth work on:
 - progressing key issues on the apprenticeship framework and recommended solutions;
 - WHS strategies that could be adapted for the WA building and construction industry;
 - review of the White Card; and
 - reforming industry culture in the construction industry.
- The next BCC Committee meeting is scheduled for 4 December 2023.