

SIXTH MEETING OF THE EXPERT MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

16 November 2021

Expert Members held their sixth meeting of the year on 16 November 2021. Expert Members were joined by the Chair of the Council for International Education, the Hon Alan Tudge MP, Minister for Education and Youth. The Minister provided a further update on work underway across government to progress the *Australian Strategy for International Education 2021-2030* (Strategy). The Minister reiterated the themes of his keynote address to the Australian International Education Conference in October 2021, sharing his vision for the sector's contribution to Australia's development, social and economic goals into the future. The Minister intends for the new Strategy to reaffirm Australia's position as a global leader in international education, with greater diversification underpinning the sustainable growth of the sector into the future.

Expert Members discussed the upcoming Council meeting scheduled for 25 November 2021, with Council meeting papers endorsed out of session. The upcoming Council meeting, with all Ministers and Expert Members anticipated to attend, will reflect on the work of the Council in 2021 and discuss the role of the new Strategy in the decade ahead.

The Expert Members congratulated Mr Oscar Zi Shao Ong on his recent election as President of the Council for International Students Australia (CISA) and welcomed him to the Council for International Education. Mr Ong replaces Ms Belle Lim as CISA's representative. Expert Members also farewelled Ms Karyn Kent, who will leave the Council in December 2021 to take up an appointment overseas. The Expert Members thanked Ms Kent for her extensive contribution to the Council.

The next Expert Members meeting is scheduled for December 2021. The schedule for 2022 meetings will be included in the 2022 Workplan, which Expert Members agreed to finalise after the release of the Strategy.