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Department of Immigration and Border Protection

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Mr Jason McNamara
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Dear Mr McNamara

**Certification of independent review: Robust New Foundations
A Streamlined, Transparent and Responsive System for the 457 Programme**

I am writing to certify that the attached independent review into the integrity of the 457 programme has undertaken a process and analysis equivalent to a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS).

I certify that the independent review has adequately addressed all seven RIS questions, and is submitted to the Office of Best Practice Regulation for the purposes of broad endorsement of the independent panel's report by government. This certification is necessary to enable outcomes of this independent reviews to be included as part of the Industry and Investment Competitiveness Agenda.

I also note that the regulatory burden to business, community organisations or individuals, as described by the independent panel within their report, has been quantified and offsets identified using the Australian Government's *Regulatory Burden Measurement* framework. These have been agreed with your office and are provided below.

The independent report and the recommendations made by the independent panel, are currently being considered by the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash. When the Department of Immigration and Border Protection receive advice from the Assistant Minister of the recommendations government wishes to progress, the department will evaluate and assess the regulatory burden to business, community organisations or individuals of these recommendations and provide Regulatory Impact Statements where appropriate.

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Average annual regulatory costs (from business as usual)

Change in costs (\$ million)	Business	Community organisations	Individuals	Total change in cost
Total, by sector	-\$23.422	\$	-\$6.434	-\$29.856
Cost offset (\$ million)	Business	Community organisations	Individuals	Total, by source
Agency	\$	\$	\$	\$

Are all new costs offset?

Yes, costs are offset No, costs are not offset Deregulatory—no offsets required

Total (Change in costs – Cost offset) (\$ million) = -\$29.856

While I am satisfied that the attached report now meets best practice consistent with the *Australian Government Guide to Regulation*, it should be noted that the report is still being considered by the Assistant Minister and, as such, its contents are not for public release and are under embargo from publication.

Yours sincerely



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