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Dear Mr McNamara

Regulation Impact Statement for early assessment

I am writing in relation to the enclosed Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) prepared for the Child Care Assistance Package.

On 10 May 2015, the Australian Government announced it will spend almost \$40 billion over four years on child care support, including an increase of \$3.5 billion to support implementation of the Child Care Assistance Package, which will assist families with their child care costs.

The enclosed RIS for early assessment will form the basis of consultation with services and families on the implementation of the Child Care Assistance Package in July 2015.

In light of the Government's announcement, the RIS addresses the first five RIS questions by describing:

- the policy problem to be solved
- objectives of Government action
- the policy options considered during the development of the Child Care Assistance Package and the likely impact of each option on families, child care services, communities and Government
- implementation options for key components of the announced Child Care Assistance Package. Consultation on the options will inform the development of legislation to amend the family assistance law to be introduced into Spring 2015 sitting of the Parliament and inform programme implementation
- consultation with stakeholders prior to the Government's announcement and the plan for future consultations.

In addition, the RIS outlines an approach to implementing and evaluating the reforms.

The change in regulatory burden on business, community organisations and individuals has also been quantified using the Regulatory Burden Measurement Framework.

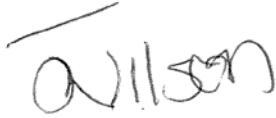
The RIS meets best practice requirements and is consistent with the ten principles for Australian Government policy makers.

I submit the certified RIS to the Office of Best Practice Regulation for early assessment, consistent with best practice.

As consultation on implementation options for the key components of the Child Care Assistance Package will commence on 1 July 2015 with the RIS published on 26 June 2015, I would appreciate the Office of Best Practice Regulation's earliest consideration.

Ms Joan ten Brummelaar, Branch Manager, IT Solutions and Governance, is the contact for the RIS and is available on (02) 6146 7670.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the first few letters.

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