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Dear Mr McNamara

**Regulation Impact Statement – Second Pass Final Assessment – Jobs for Families
Child Care Package**

I am writing in relation to the attached Final Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) prepared for the Jobs for Families Child Care Package (the Package).

The regulatory burden to business, community organisations and individuals has been quantified using the Regulatory Burden Measurement Framework and relevant offsets have been identified. These have been agreed with your office, as advised to my staff on 1 November 2015.

I am satisfied that, to the extent possible, the RIS addresses the suggestions made in your letter of 24 September 2015. Specifically, the RIS includes:

- a description of the status of RIS at each major decision point in the development of the Package
- a clearer statement of the problems the Government is seeking to address through the proposed changes to child care fee assistance and targeted programmes in Chapter 2
- more detailed analysis to demonstrate the Package offers higher net benefit than the other alternatives in Chapter 6, which satisfies the first principle for Australian Government policy makers.

As discussed with your office, please note that given time constraints and the scope of available data it is not possible to fulfil best practice requirements that a long-form RIS include a full cost-benefit analysis.

Opportunity through learning

As also discussed with your office the RIS also reflects changes to the Child Care Subsidy component of the Jobs for Families Child Care Package to both respond to stakeholder feedback and to improve budget sustainability.

Accordingly, I am satisfied the RIS is compliant and is consistent with the ten principles for Australian Government policy makers. I submit the RIS to the Office of Best Practice Regulation for final assessment.

The RIS will accompany the Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Jobs for Families Child Care Package) Bill 2015 when it is introduced into the Parliament. As the Bill will be introduced into the Parliament during the Spring Sitting 2015, I would appreciate the Office of Best Practice Regulation's earliest consideration.

Mr Jeff Willing, Branch Manager, Legislation Reform, is the contact for the RIS and is available on (02) 6240 1973.

Yours sincerely

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04 November 2015