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Dear Mr Cormack

Certification of the Independent Panel Review of Medicines and Medicinal Devices

Thank you for your letter of 12 February 2016 certifying the Independent Panel Review of Medicines and Medical Devices Regulation (the review) as an independent review that undertook a process and analysis similar to a Regulation Impact Statement (RIS).

The Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) acknowledges the Department's certification and notes that it is the Department's intention to use the Review to inform the Government's response. Under the Government's best practice regulation process, the OBPR does not assess the adequacy of independent reviews.

I also note that the Department of Health has estimated that the reduction in regulatory burden from the Government's response to the Review is \$74.976 million per annum and that this number has been agreed with the OBPR.

This process followed by the Department of Health is consistent with the Government's best practice regulation requirements.

You should notify the OBPR when a final decision on this matter is made in order for the review to be published on the OBPR website.

The OBPR's reference number for this matter is 18884.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'TJ R'.

A/Deputy Executive Director

16 February 2016