



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Social Services**

Deputy Secretary

Mr Wayne Poels  
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Dear Mr Poels

**Reference Number 20623: Disability Employment Services Program -  
Regulation Impact Statement**

I refer to the **attached** Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) prepared for the Disability Employment Services (DES) Program. The revised RIS has been amended, following the first-pass assessment of the RIS by the OBPR, in line with advice given in your letter of 17 March 2017.

The revised RIS uses the Regulatory Burden Measurement framework, as agreed with your Office, to quantify the regulatory burden and offsets to DES providers and participants in the DES Program. The revised RIS incorporates the changes identified in the second-pass review - refer **attached**.

I submit the attached RIS to the OBPR for the final second pass review.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Lye', written in a cursive style.

Michael Lye

18 September 2017

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The changes identified in the OBPR review were applied as described below:

OBPR comments	How addressed	RIS reference (clean)
Attachment A – <i>Problem:</i> <i>“The section on increase in Newstart...”</i>	This section has been made clearer by detailing the participant cohorts and they have been trending within the Program.	Section 2, Background, page 11
Attachment A – <i>Impacts:</i> <i>“The RIS could be improved...”</i>	Table inserted for each option with the stakeholder analysis summarising the overall benefit for each stakeholder group.	Section 6, Regulatory Benefit Analysis, page 22 and page 25
Attachment A – <i>Impacts:</i> <i>“The RIS could better explain...”</i>	Analysis included with how the benefits will be achieved	Section 6, Regulatory Benefit Analysis, page 22 and page 25
Attachment A – <i>Impacts:</i> <i>“The analysis of regulatory costs... + Covering Letter paragraph 3</i>	Change descriptions have been moved to the regulatory impact column.	Section 6, Regulatory Benefit Analysis, page 22 to page 30
Attachment A – <i>Impacts:</i> <i>“Minor issue: ...</i>	All costings are now described in annual terms	Section 6, Regulatory Benefit Analysis, page 22 and page 25
Attachment A – <i>Evaluation:</i> <i>“The evaluation section...”</i>	A main key performance indicator (KPI) that will be used to assess the success of the Program has been added to the evaluation section. Further KPIs have also been included that will constantly assess and Program improvements as they occur.	Section 8, Transition, Implementation and Evaluation, page 36
Covering Letter paragraph 3 – <i>“The RIS will also need to include a statement explaining the status of the RIS at the previous Decision points.”</i>	Statements have been included in the introduction to describe the decision points and current status.	Section 1, Introduction, page 3