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Dear Nadine

Regulation Impact Statement – Second Pass Assessment – Australian Apprenticeship Incentives Scheme Reform

Thank you for your letter on 24 March 2022, submitting a Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) on the *Australian Apprenticeships Incentives System Reform* for formal Second Pass Final Assessment. I note the RIS has been formally certified at the Deputy Secretary level, consistent with the *Australian Government Guide to Regulatory Impact Analysis*.

The Office of Best Practice Regulation's (OBPR's) assessment is that the quality of the regulatory impact analysis in the RIS is adequate, and therefore sufficient to inform a decision. To have been assessed as 'good practice', the RIS would have benefited from further analysis on the full range of social and economic impacts on different cohorts, particularly how behaviour of students and businesses may change as a result of this policy. Furthermore, greater public consultation with effected stakeholders, particularly small businesses, on the proposed options would have provided a more robust evidence base as well as identified any potential adverse impacts that may arise during implementation.

The RIS may now be provided to the decision-maker to inform their decision.

We would appreciate you advising us when a final decision has been announced and forwarding a copy of the RIS in a form meeting the Government's accessibility requirements. The OBPR will publish the RIS, along with your certification and this assessment, on the OBPR's website, <https://obpr.pmc.gov.au/>.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Executive Director
25 March 2022