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Dear Ms Abhayaratna

Impact Analysis – Ongoing Funding for the Medicare Urgent Care Clinics Program – 2025 First Pass Assessment (Ref: OBPR22-02778) – Second Pass Final Assessment

I am writing in relation to the attached Impact Analysis (IA) prepared for the Ongoing Funding for the Medicare Urgent Care Clinics (UUCs) Program.

I am satisfied that the IA addresses the matters raised in your letter of 10 October 2025. Specifically, I can confirm that the analysis includes:

- Further explanation of the likely costs and benefits of Option 2 (Ongoing funding for Medicare Urgent Care Clinics)
- Additional information provided on how the Medicare UCC program would be evaluated in future. This includes future evaluation questions, and how evaluation would be factored into the program post implementation.

The regulatory burden to business, community organisations or individuals is quantified using the Australian Government’s *Regulatory Burden Measurement* framework and is provided below.

Regulatory burden estimate table

Average annual regulatory costs (from business as usual)				
Change in costs (\$ million)	Business	Community organisations	Individuals	Total change in costs

Option 1	\$	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total, by sector				
Option 2	\$0.005	\$0	\$0	\$0.661
Total, by sector				

Accordingly, I am satisfied that the IA is consistent with the six principles for Australian Government policy makers as specified in the *Australian Government Guide to Policy Impact Analysis*.

I submit the IA to the Office of Impact Analysis for formal final assessment.

Yours sincerely



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