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Dear Ms Abhayaratna

Certification of Sunsetting Instrument

I am writing regarding the *Student Start-up Loan Debts and ABSTUDY Student Start-up Loan Overpayments Determination 2016* (Start-up Loans Determination), which, as per the *Legislation Act 2003*, had been scheduled to sunset on 1 April 2026.

To ensure the ongoing operation of these rules, the instrument will be remade without significant amendment.

In lieu of a detailed Impact Analysis for remaking the instrument, the Department of Social Services has self-assessed the Start-up Loans Determination and certifies that it is operating effectively and efficiently, consistent with the government's requirements for Sunsetting Legislative Instruments. The assessment has been informed by a consultation process which involved Services Australia.

I also note the regulatory burden to people, businesses, and community organisations has been quantified using the Regulatory Burden Measurement framework.

As the changes do not substantially alter the policy or have been assessed as not requiring costing under the Regulatory Burden Measurement framework, the additional cost of compliance for each category is nil.

Average annual regulatory costs (from business as usual).

Change in costs (\$ million)	Business	Community organisations	People	Total change in costs
Total, by sector	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Yours sincerely



Matt Flavel
Deputy Secretary

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