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Dear Ms Cvijanovic

Regulation Impact Statement – final assessment second pass

I am writing in relation to the attached Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) prepared for the *Closing the Gap – Employment Services* measure in the 2017-18 Budget and the intensive service offering element of the *Parents Next – National Expansion*.

The regulatory burden to business, community organisations and/or individuals has been quantified and offsets have been identified and quantified using the Regulatory Burden Measurement framework. These have been agreed with your office.

I am satisfied that the RIS addresses the concerns raised in your letter of 9 June 2017. The issues raised by your office have been addressed in this revision, specifically in relation to the more substantive comments, by providing:

- more content on how the barriers faced by Indigenous and non-Indigenous job seekers interrelate with other portfolio areas;
- more detailed and consistent descriptions of the proposed measures;
- further background on departmental programs that interrelate with these measures;
- further clarification on how existing evaluations will seek to inform measures in relation to Indigenous job seekers; and
- detailed costings for mandatory reporting of Indigenous employment indicators for employers with more than 100 employees have been included, and provided to OBPR.

As agreed by your office on 16 June 2017, the '*Better targeting of assistance to support jobseekers – Work First proposal*', is non-regulatory in nature and is not included in the RIS.

Accordingly, I am satisfied that the RIS now meets best practice consistent with the Australian Government Guide to Regulation.

I submit the RIS to the Office of Best Practice Regulation for formal final assessment.

If you have any queries, please contact Mr Nicholas Dowie on (02) 6121 5964 or at nicholas.dowie@employment.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Hehir', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Martin Hehir

29 June 2017