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cc: Regulatory Reform Unit

Dear Prof Skerritt

Regulation Impact Statement – Second Pass Final Assessment – Codeine Rescheduling

Thank you for submitting a Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) to the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) for final assessment of the above proposal on 29 November 2016.

OBPR's final assessment is that the Department of Health is compliant with the Government's RIS requirements. This assessment is based on:

- The Department having submitted the second pass certified RIS for the OBPR's assessment prior to a policy decision being taken;
- Your letter of 29 November certifying the RIS responds to the OBPR's formal comments on the RIS; and
- The regulatory costs having been agreed with the OBPR.

The OBPR recognises the significant volume of work that has been undertaken in preparing the RIS. However we consider that a more informative analysis of the cost and benefits of all options was required for the RIS to be assessed as best practice.

We would appreciate you advising us when a decision on this proposal is finalised, and forwarding a final copy of the RIS in a form meeting the Government's accessibility requirements. OBPR's reference number for this issue is 19907. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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Tony Simovski
A/g Deputy Executive Director
5 December 2016