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Sent: Tuesday, 2 September 2014 3:36 PM
To: Martin, Jaime
Subject: FW: M: FW: Invitation to comment - ACCC application for authorisation from The Australian National University and Ors (A91441-A91443) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear Ms Martin

Thank you for writing to Universities Australia regarding the Interview Policy and Preference Policy governing the admission and interviewing of applicants to study medicine at graduate-entry medical schools (GAMSAT).

The Chief Executive of Universities Australia, Ms Belinda Robinson, has asked me to reply on her behalf.

Following our discussion of the issue in early August, I can confirm my advice that Universities Australia understand that the GAMSAT arrangements have been working well and have contributed to making the process of applying for entry to study medicine more efficient and less resource intensive for students. The arrangements also appear to streamline processes for those universities who have opted to be involved, which means resources that might otherwise be put to assessing applications can be put to other valuable activity. In view of the resource pressures facing universities and students alike, it is important that sensible administrative streamlining that also lessens the impost on applicants is supported.

As also discussed, Universities Australia would appreciate being advised of developments with regard to this issue.

Regards

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