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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Proposed Working with Children Regulations 2016

Notice is given in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** that a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared for the proposed Working with Children Regulations 2016.

The proposed Regulations, to be made under section 49 of the **Working with Children Act 2005**, introduce different fee settings for a new employee working with children check and a renewal employee working with children check. The proposed Regulations increase the fee for a new employee working with children check from 8.0 fee units to 8.54 fee units and reduce the fee for a renewal employee working with children check from 8.0 fee units to 6.32 fee units.

The cost of an employee replacement card will also be reduced from 1.0 fee unit to a set fee of \$7.38.

The objective of the proposed Regulations is to set the fee of an employee working with children check and the fee of a replacement working with children check at cost recovery. The prescribed fees for each service were set in 2013 and are indexed annually in accordance with the annual rate set by the Treasurer pursuant to the **Monetary Units Act 2004**.

The RIS examines the costs and benefits of the proposed Regulations and possible alternatives and concludes that the proposed Regulations are the most efficient method of achieving the objective.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed Regulations may be obtained by:

- visiting the internet at <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au>; or
- telephoning the Working with Children Check Customer Support Line on 1300 652 879.

The purpose of this notice is to invite public comments on the RIS and the proposed Regulations. All comments must be in writing, and should be marked 'Working with Children Regulations 2016', and received at the following addresses by no later than 5.00 pm on 21 January 2016.

By post to:

Albert Bentincontri
Director, Working with Children Check Unit
Department of Justice and Regulation
GPO Box 1915
Melbourne, Victoria 3001

By email to:

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All comments and submissions will be treated as public documents.

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