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*Adaptable, innovative, and solutions-focused with significant high-level research, policy advisory and data modelling experience and extensive experience in research, team management, stakeholder liaison and provision of high-level policy advice. Experience communicating in a vision, quantitative methods and big data analytics, lateral thinking with research approaches to forging innovative recommendations to complex and sensitive policy areas in an international context. Qualified with a Doctor of Philosophy in Economics from the Australian National University, over the past 15 years experience in research into public policy areas including migration, child support, Social Security policy, National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Pricing Policy with international expertise in research. Significant ability to understand, interpret and apply various legislation, policies and procedures, skilled in preparing briefing papers, reports, policy briefs and published articles. Committed to strong leadership, communication and influencing skills, motivated, hardworking and flexible with a results-focused outlook.*

## Objective

Having achieved a high level of competency as an efficient, passionate and accomplished professional over the past 15 years, I am actively pursuing a challenging career opportunity as a Director at the AusIndustry Division-Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources.

## About me



## Key skills

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- Doctor of Philosophy in Economics
- Strong background and skills in using econometric modelling and quantitative research methods
- Proven record of using big data in both public and academic sector
- Advanced level of using R, STATA, SQL in analysing, modelling and visualising data
- Quantitative research and data analysis
- Experience in Public Policy analysis
- Effective written and verbal communication
- Pursue simplicity and make the complex simple
- Clarity, precision in technical matters
- Ability to get a message across by designing storyline dashboard and elegant data visualization

## Employment

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### Markets Policy Branch

A/G DIRECTOR (EL2)

*Department of Social Services*

*Oct-2021: Current*

### Markets Policy Branch

SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR (EL1)

*Department of Social Services*

*Jun-Sep 2021*

### Data and Evaluation Branch

SENIOR ECONOMIST (EL1)

*Department of Social Services*

*Sep-2018 : Aug-2021*

### Strategic Policy Branch

RESEARCHER (APS6)

*Department of Home Affairs*

*Jun-2016 : Aug-2018*

### School of Demography

RESEARCHER/DATA ANALYST

*The Australian National University*

*Jun-2010 : May-2016*

### Vietnam Institute for Trade

RESEARCHER

*Ministry of Trade - Vietnam*

*1997:2001*

## Responsibilities

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A/G DIRECTOR - PRICING POLICY TEAM - MARKETS POLICY BRANCH - DERPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (OCT 2021 - NOW)

- Lead and supervise Pricing Policy team
- Provide high-level analysis of NDIS pricing and Markets
- Research, plan, implement and monitor the project on analysing pricing in Aged-care
- Research and analyse pricing data in NDIS, Aged care and Veterans' Affairs
- Advise NDIS Pricing Policy to a range of stakeholders
- Prepare, review, advise on policy reports, briefing papers, Ministerial correspondence, Question Time Briefs on Pricing and Thin market issues
- Built and maintain the relationship with key internal and external stakeholders to work on NDIS Pricing and markets
- Develop a technical method to estimate the cost of support items for NDIS participants
- Seconded to the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) to support their 2021-22 Annual Pricing Review by analysing and advising on Care sector pricing.
- Advise the Chief Economist of the NDIA on NDIS Pricing issues by analysing, modelling and reporting on Aged Care, Therapy Price data and other related matters.

## SENIOR POLICY ADVISER - PRICING POLICY TEAM - THE MARKET POLICY BRANCH - DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (JUN-SEP 2021)

- Research and analyse NDIS pricing data
- Advise Pricing Policy to different stakeholders
- Provide Ministerial Briefings, Ministerial correspondence, Question Time Briefs on Pricing and Thin market issues

## SENIOR ECONOMIST - DATA AND EVALUATION BRANCH - DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (SEP 2018 - SEP 2021)

- Research and analyse the Multi-agency Data Integration Project (MADIP) data for the Income Exits of Income Support project
- Extensively analyse a panel household data - the Household, Income, and Labour Dynamics in Australia (HILDA) - to provide research and advice on poverty and living standard
- Conduct research, analysis, modelling on living standards, poverty, inequality and labour market;
- Conduct a training course on econometrics, STATA, R for internal staff

## RESEARCHER - STRATEGIC POLICY BRANCH - DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS (JUN 2016 - AUG 2018)

- Responsible for analysing the economics of immigration and providing strategic advice
- Lead research project on Pathways of international students after their study
- Contributed to the joint work with the Treasury by providing analysis and drafting on earnings and employment of immigrants

## RESEARCHER/DATA MANAGER - SCHOOL OF DEMOGRAPHY - THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (JUNE 2010 - MAY 2016)

- Manage and analyse complex data sets: longitudinal, sequential and cross-sequential child support data
- Research on the impact of child support policy changes on Household's financial living standards
- Construct response weights, apply appropriate imputation methods for missing data
- Conduct econometric modelling and analyse data for writing reports and publications

## Education

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### The Australian National University

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PH.D.) IN ECONOMICS

*Canberra, Australia*

2010

### National Economic University

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

*Hanoi, Vietnam*

2002

### University of Trade

BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

*Hanoi, Vietnam*

1995

## Publications

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- Smyth, B, Rodgers, **B, Son, V** et al 2015, 'The Australian child support reforms: A critical evaluation,' Australian Journal of Social Issues, vol. 50, no. 3, pp. 217-341.
- **Vu, B**, Rodgers, B & Smyth, B 2014, 'The impact of child support changes on the financial living standards of separated families in Australia,' Australian Journal of Family Law, vol. 28, no. 2, pp. 193-232.
- Smyth, B, Chisholm, R, Rodgers, **B, Son, V** 2014, 'Legislating for shared-time parenting after parental separation: Insights from Australia?' Law and Contemporary Problems, vol. 77, no. 1, pp. 109-149.
- Smyth B., Vnuk M., Rodgers B., **Son V.** 2014, 'Can child support compliance be improved by the introduction of a 'fairer' child support formula and more rigorous enforcement? The recent Australian experience', Journal of Family Studies, vol. 20, no. 3, pp. 204-220.
- Smyth, B, Rodgers, B, **Vu, S, B**, Allen, L and Vnuk, M. 2012, 'Separated parents' knowledge of how changes in parenting-time can affect child support payments and Family Tax Benefit splitting in Australia: A pre-/post-reform comparison', Australian Journal of Family Law, vol. 26, no. 3, pp. 181-213.
- Smyth, B, Rodgers, B, Allen, L & **Vu, B** (2012) Post-separation patterns of children's overnight stays with each parent: A recent snapshot, Journal of Family Studies, Vol. 19, No.2-3, 202-221.