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**Subject:** RE: Assistance Dog (Including Guide Dog) Ongoing Costs [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Sorry for the delay in responding Andrew.

The code provided to assist with Assistance Dog Ongoing Costs was set with a budget in 2017 based on typical costs for a working dog identified by the ASIC/Moneysmart. It has been indexed each year since that time and is currently around \$2,800 per year. This is made available currently with the monthly amount. I note that the Moneysmart site shows the cost now is around \$3250 ([Getting a pet - Moneysmart.gov.au](#)).

This suggests Pricing Team may need to liaise with Vision Australia & other providers to test if:

- The annual amount allocated is not representative of the reasonable maintenance costs (food, vet, worm/vaccination) of a working dog

And/or

- That the funds need to be available in larger amounts than the \$238 or so per month.

**s22(1)(a)(ii) - irrelevant material**  
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The team working on the Dog Guide Provider List (Ebony <sup>s47F - personal</sup>) may be able to link into relevant dog guide providers.

Kind regards, Lloyd

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