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To: [INFORMATION.ACCESS](#)
Subject: Re: Scope clarification - LEX 54687 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 8 December 2022 10:29:21 AM

Dear INFORMATION.ACCESS,

I am responding to your message received this morning.

"Can you please clarify what you mean by:

: The total additional cost to Government of a veteran in receipt of a

Gold Card, and

: The total additional cost to Government of a war widow in receipt of a

Gold C."

I thought this would have been self explanatory but I will spell it out in more detail for you and will use my example as a Gold Card veteran.

Nearly every medical issue I have to seek a medical and specialist appointment/treatment for is for a war accepted medical condition and is paid for by DVA gold card. It is a specific DVA cost but incorrectly included as a 'cost' of the Gold Card. I estimate that of the annual costs DVA pay for my gold card is that 90% is specifically related to my war accepted medical conditions and 10% is the additional cost to Government for example dental costs which are not specifically war related. In my case the ADDITIONAL cost to Government in my case is around 10% and not 100%.

In addition there are many costs DVA include as the total cost of a Gold Card that would otherwise be paid by:

: Medicare.

: The Public Hospital system, and

: Chemist costs to name a few.

I hope this gives you some direction that I am looking for the ADDITIONAL cost to Government by the issue of a Gold Card.

As noted previously Mick Quinn and I saw a one page document in 2019 of the information I am seeking so I know such a document DOES exist.

Yours sincerely,

Alan ASHMORE

-----Original Message-----

Good morning Mr Ashmore,

Can you please clarify what you mean by:

: The total additional cost to Government of a veteran in receipt of a

Gold Card, and

: The total additional cost to Government of a war widow in receipt of a

Gold Card.

I am reaching out to multiple areas to try to locate any records for this
