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Hi Matt,

Sorry to be so slow with this response.

My greatest complaint with Government cost recovery is that they just divide the “costs” of the Department by the number of assessments for the year and then say that should be the cost passed on - ---- there is absolutely no check on the costs of the Department in the first place, and they argue that the user should pay.

I think this is how the Department of Primary Industries determine our quarantine inspection fees as well.

They say under the heading “Current Cost Recovery” what the costs incurred by the Department were in 15/16 and 16/17. They also say “ This cost reflects assessment of licence and permit applications against the statutory assessment criteria. “

What about proposing that businesses with proven expertise in this area be allowed to compete with the Department in offering this service and then we might get a real market in the cost of doing them.

Good luck,

Cheers

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