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## Hi Dean

Below is the wording from new2R&D on FTO searches. It will need to be adapted for Arohia, let me know if its easier to send me the draft eligible costs guidance and I can slot this in for you and make sure it makes sense in the context.

**Thanks** Helena

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