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Dear Ms

I refer to your email to the Hon Michael Daley MP, Minister for Finance concerning compulsory third party (CTP) Green Slip for motorcycles. Minister Daley has requested that I respond to you on his behalf.

I note you seek clarification of the statistics provided in the graph "Claim Frequency and Average Claim Size" which accompanied the Minister's media release on 31 August 2010.

I advise that the graph was prepared by the independent actuarial consultants, Finity Consulting Pty Ltd (Finity) on behalf of the Motor Accidents Authority.

Finity has confirmed that the information used in the graph was sourced from the Motor Accidents Authority's "Personal Injury Register" claims database and that the statistics reflect the number of claims made against motorcycle riders rather than by motorcycle riders.

I note that the sentence preceding the graph incorrectly describes the graph as showing the number and magnitude of claims made by, rather than against motorcycle riders and I regret the confusion caused by this error.

Finity has also provided a profile of the claimants' role in the accidents which led to a claim which may be of interest to you. The data shows that the pillion passenger was the claimant in 38% of claims; other motorcycle riders in 18% of claims, pedestrians in 16% of claims, drivers in 16%, passengers in 6% and 'other' listed in 5% of claims.

Thank you for your interest in the motor accidents scheme in NSW and I trust that the information provided is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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