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REVIEWS OF THE COMPULSORY THIRD PARTY INSURANCE SCHEME AND LIFETIME CARE AND SUPPORT SCHEME

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This Friday, 18 November 2022, the Standing Committee on Law and Justice in the NSW Upper House will hold a hearing for its regular oversight reviews into the state's Compulsory Third Party (CTP) insurance scheme and Lifetime Care and Support (LTCS) scheme. As required by the State Insurance and Care Governance Act 2015 the committee examines the operation of these two schemes, reporting every two years.

The Hon Chris Rath MLC, Committee Chair, stated 'The committee's regular statutory reviews provide a valuable opportunity for us to get feedback from stakeholders about the operation of these schemes. At the hearing we will hear directly from road user groups, legal and insurer representatives, icare, the Independent Review Office and the State Insurance Regulatory Authority. We will examine how the schemes are performing and what can be improved, to ensure each scheme effectively supports those injured in motor vehicle accidents'.

The committee will also consider views on whether the Independent Legal Assistance and Review Service (ILARS), operated by the Independent Review Office and currently available to injured workers, should be extended to support people injured in motor accidents. The committee will also continue to examine the financial position of the LTCS scheme, as well as issues related to the delivery of attendant care services to LTCS scheme participants.

The Chair said: 'These will be the last reviews by the Standing Committee on Law and Justice for this Parliament. The committee is due to report on the CTP insurance scheme and the LTCS scheme in late February 2023'.

Stakeholders should note that the committee does not have the power to investigate individual compensation claims.

For further information about these reviews please go to the committee's website: <u>http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lawandjustice</u>.

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