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The Hon Chris Rath MLC  
Chair of the Standing Committee on Law and Justice  
NSW Parliament House, 6 Macquarie Street  
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Dear Chair,

***2022 Reviews of the Compulsory Third Party Insurance and Lifetime Care and Support Schemes:  
Post-hearing responses***

1. The New South Wales Bar Association (**the Association**) thanks the Standing Committee on Law and Justice for the opportunity to appear at the hearing for the 2022 Reviews of the Compulsory Third Party Insurance and Lifetime Care and Support Schemes on 18 November 2022 and to respond to the Question taken on notice by Mr John Turnbull SC.

2. The Question taken on notice appears on page 14 of the Transcript and is copied below:

**The Hon. GREG DONNELLY:** What other examples can you provide the Committee whereby he or others in a similar position—not specifically a judge—corresponded in writing in such a way with the Bar Association in regards to a matter?

**JOHN TURNBULL:** I can't give you an example of corresponding in writing—I'm sure they exist—but, for example, the head—

**The Hon. GREG DONNELLY:** On notice, can you please—

**JOHN TURNBULL:** I can find that out.

3. The Association provides the following answer to this Question:

While the Association receives correspondence from judges, heads of commissions, and tribunal members from time to time, such correspondence is generally treated with confidence. There is a significant public interest in a dialogue between the NSW Bar Association and the heads of jurisdictions. This has particularly been the case during the COVID-19 pandemic and in relation to delays in timely access to justice. Accordingly, the Association is not in a position to assist the Committee in providing the examples requested.

4. The Association thanks you in advance for considering this response. If the Association may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact \_\_\_\_\_, Policy Lawyer, at \_\_\_\_\_.

Yours sincerely,

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President