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**Legislative Council
Standing Committee on Law and Justice**

**LAW AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE RELEASES REPORT
ON ITS NINTH REVIEW
OF THE MOTOR ACCIDENTS AUTHORITY AND
MOTOR ACCIDENTS COUNCIL**

The NSW Parliament's Standing Committee on Law and Justice today tabled the report of its Ninth Review of the Motor Accidents Authority (MAA) and the Motor Accidents Council (MAC).

Under the *Motor Accidents Compensation Act 1999*, the Law and Justice Committee is required to conduct an annual review of the exercise of the functions of the MAA and the MAC. The MAA administers the compulsory third party (CTP) Motor Accidents Compensation Scheme for NSW. This Ninth Review focused on the Claims Assessment and Resolution Service (CARS), an early dispute resolution service for compensation matters.

The Chair of the Committee, the Hon Christine Robertson MLC, said, "The Committee considers that the MAA and the MAC continue to perform their functions in a competent and effective manner. In addition, CARS is performing well."

"The Motor Accidents Compensation Scheme is now in its tenth year and has had time to mature. It has undergone significant consolidation and reform over that period, and at the present time is undergoing further reform intended to deliver greater improvements in efficiency and effectiveness. The Scheme is seen by its key stakeholders to be operating effectively; those stakeholders also attest to professional and productive relationships with the MAA and MAC."

"At the same time, the Committee has identified a number of areas for improvement, and has made 16 recommendations to this end," Ms Robertson stated.

This review was conducted in conjunction with the Committee's First Review of the Lifetime Care and Support Authority and Lifetime Care and Support Advisory Council. The Lifetime Care and Support Scheme provides reasonable treatment, rehabilitation and care to people who are catastrophically injured in motor accidents in NSW. A separate report on that Review will be published later in 2008.

Further information about the inquiry including copies of the report can be obtained from the Committee Secretariat on ph 02 9230 3311, fax (02) 9230 3371, e-mail: lawandjustice@parliament.nsw.gov.au or website: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lawandjustice.

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