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COMMITTEE RELEASES FINAL REPORTS REVIEWING THE MOTOR ACCIDENTS AUTHORITY AND THE LIFETIME CARE AND SUPPORT AUTHORITY

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An Upper House committee has today tabled reports reviewing the Motor Accidents Authority (MAA) and the Lifetime Care and Support Authority (LTCSA). In its reports, the committee has reviewed the performance of the authorities and their responses to recommendations made by the committee in the previous reviews conducted in 2011.

The MAA is the statutory body charged with overseeing the operation of the compulsory third party motor accident insurance and compensation scheme in New South Wales. The committee Chair, the Hon David Clarke, stated "The committee noted a number of areas of concern during the review and recommended that the high level of insurer profits in the scheme be addressed and that the NSW Government implement some of the proposed changes from the discharged Motor Accident Injuries Amendment Bill 2013 that were supported by many stakeholders."

The LTCSA is a statutory body that administers the Lifetime Care and Support Scheme. "The committee is particularly pleased that the LTCSA has committed to aligning itself with the values of the National Disability Insurance Scheme to provide greater choice and control for participants. Although the committee received positive information regarding the operation of the scheme, we are concerned there is the lack of publically available information on its performance. To address this, we made a number of recommendations that call for greater accountability, including the provision of more information in the LTCSA's annual report.", Mr Clarke said.

The committee thanks the authorities and stakeholders for their valuable contribution in the review process. For further information about the reviews please visit the committee's website at: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lawandjustice.

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