Ms Alexandra Douglas
Executive Officer
Parliament of Victoria Road Safety Committee
Parliament House
Spring St East Melbourne VIC 3002

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Dear Ms Douglas

INQUIRY INTO PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN CAR PARKS

I refer to your correspondence dated 12 May 2009 in relation to the inquiry into the safety of pedestrians in car parks undertaken by the Victorian Road Safety Committee (Committee). The Insurance Council of Australia (Insurance Council)\(^1\) appreciates the invitation to make a submission to the Committee's inquiry into the safety of pedestrians.

As part of its inquiry into pedestrian safety in car parks the Committee has sought feedback from the insurance industry on the following matters:

1. The type and number of crashes that occur at car parks; and, if possible,
2. Injury severity sustained.

We advise that the Insurance Council does not collect information on the commercial activities of its members. As a result, the Insurance Council does not have the statistics, and is unfortunately not able to provide you with the information you seek concerning injuries suffered by pedestrians in car parks.

The Insurance Council is keen to continue working with the Committee in relation to their inquiry into road safety and we would appreciate receiving information on the progress of any matters arising from the review.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 02 9253-5120 if you have any questions in relation to the above.

Yours sincerely

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\(^1\) The Insurance Council of Australia is the representative body of the general insurance industry in Australia. Our members represent more than 90 percent of total premium income written by private sector general insurers. Insurance Council members, both insurers and reinsurers, are a significant part of the financial services system. December 2008 Australian Prudential Regulation Authority statistics show that the private sector insurance industry generates gross premium revenue of $35.0 billion per annum and has assets of $84.0 billion. The industry employs approx 60,000 people and on average pays out about $100 million in claims each working day.

Insurance Council members provide insurance products ranging from those usually purchased by individuals (such as home and contents insurance, travel insurance, motor vehicle insurance) to those purchased by small businesses and larger organisations (such as product and public liability insurance, professional indemnity insurance, commercial property, and directors and officers insurance).