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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 1 November 2012 enclosing petition number 1998-12 regarding changes to the Queensland workers' compensation scheme.

I can advise that an inquiry into the operation of the workers' compensation scheme by the Queensland Parliament's Finance and Administration Committee (the Committee) is underway. The Committee has received 184 written submissions, heard from interested parties at three hearings and will hold two further hearings for invited witnesses to participate. The Committee has been asked to provide its report by 28 February 2013.

I am aware that the Committee has received a number of submissions on the topic of worker's access to compensation for injuries sustained on a journey to or from work, and their right to make a common law claim for negligence.

I can assure the petitioners their concerns have been noted and will be given careful consideration by the Government when deciding whether to adopt any recommendations made by the Committee in due course.

Yours sincerely

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Aftorney-General and Minister for Justice