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**Workers compensation inquiry  
Submission No. 69**

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Ms Cheryl Scarlett  
Inquiry Secretary  
House of Representatives  
Standing Committee on Employment and  
Workplace Relations  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

**INQUIRY INTO ASPECTS OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION: PAUL O'HALLORAN  
SUBMISSION**

The meeting referred to by Mr O'Halloran between the Law Society Committee, myself and Garry Moore (SGIO) which was held I believe in 1997, was part of industry discussions regarding the breakdown of the secondary gateway access to common law in WA workers' compensation. A number of examples were given to illustrate how the intended restriction to common law had been overcome by insignificant injuries better managed within the no fault statutory benefits of the Workers' Compensation system.

I am confident any reference to fraud that may have arisen would have been incidental and cannot recall the fraud issue being raised at this forum and certainly there was no attempt to provide examples of claims fraud.

Due to confidentiality issues an offer to the Law Society to review some claims which breached the 'second gateway' access was not taken up.

I am dismayed that normal protocols relating to naming individuals has been usurped by Mr O'Halloran. It is also worth noting that much of the information provided by him is factually incorrect and/or misleading, with his 'evidence' not even supported anecdotally.

Yours sincerely

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