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Re: Car insurance soaring by £1,000 a year (*Daily Express* 13 April 2011)

One of the first pieces of evidence heard before a recent session of the Transport Select Committee was that the motor insurance market had been making a loss for years and that the recent price hikes were part of a "correction".

There is a growing number of insurers actively pursuing crash victims and offering them compensation within hours of an injury, when they may not have even considered making a claim.

A new system for dealing with road traffic accident cases, agreed by both sides of the industry, has been strictly controlling the costs of claims for almost a year now. It will be interesting to see what impact this has on motor premiums in a year's time.

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