

**Mesothelioma claims: APIL responds to statement from Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, John Hutton:**

"Improvements to the way mesothelioma claims are handled are vital if sufferers of this terrible disease are to receive any comfort or peace of mind in their last days, and the association is only too pleased to be involved in this initiative.

We are particularly keen to improve the effectiveness of the code of practice for tracing employers' liability compulsory insurance policies, as not being able to trace a relevant insurer is a disaster for the victim, meaning the end of any hope for proper compensation." *Denise Kitchener, chief executive, APIL*