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APIL statement re: Transport Select Committee report

APIL supports the committee's call for insurers to take the lead on tackling insurance fraud. There is no place for fraudulent claims in the legal system which is why we are doing all we can to work with insurers and others to tackle this issue. But there really is a need now for the insurance industry to drive this.

We have actively sought dialogue, and are currently working with those directly involved in this issue, including the Insurance Fraud Bureau and the claims management regulator, with a view to ensuring our members are kept fully informed and aware of all the ongoing developments in this area.

While lawyers have to have a degree of good faith in what a client says, investigations and evidence play a large part in determining whether or not a case has merit. We know our members take this issue extremely seriously and are far from complacent about fraud. But we need the insurers and all those who are familiar with fraudulent tactics, to keep us informed about current developments so our members are properly prepared when dealing with their clients.

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Notes to editors:

- APIL (Association of Personal Injury Lawyers) is a not-for-profit organisation, whose members are dedicated to campaigning for improvements in the law to help people who are injured or become ill through no fault of their own.
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