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Dear Vice President

**s156-4 Yearly Review of Modern Awards Vehicle Manufacturing, Repair, Services and Retail Award
2010 [AM2014/93] – Legal Representation - 25 November 2016**

When this matter was last before a Full Bench of the Fair Work Commission on 23 May 2016, the Motor Trades Organisations were represented by Counsel. Mr J.D. Forbes. Counsel sought permission to appear on behalf of The Motor Trades Organisations, namely, Victorian Automobile Chamber of Commerce; Motor Traders' Association of New South Wales; Motor Trade Association of South Australia and Motor Trade Association of Western Australia.

As no other party opposed the application, Counsel was granted permission to appear by the Full Bench. The Motor Trades Organisations are of the view that it would assist the conciliation proceedings on 25 November 2016 if Counsel continued to represent the Motor Trades Organisations, particularly as the award changes involve some complex and technical issues.

I have sought to email the other parties last week, who either attended the proceedings or filed a written submission for the hearing on 23 May 2016, to provide a response. To date, the Ai Group have responded that they do not oppose Counsel appearing on behalf of the Motor Trades Organisations.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill Chesterman', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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For and on behalf of MTA NSW, South Australia and Western Australia
cc B Ferguson, Ai Group, Mr J Arndt, ABL, Mr W Butler, AMWU Vehicle Division.