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Dear Minister,

After receiving your letter dated 30th October 2019, I am very disappointed with your response. You never checked your government employee's response against the factual data which the TMC provided and explained to you at our meeting on the 19th September 2019.

Raising the speed limit of novice riders.

"In 2018 approximately 1 in 5 were Learner or P1 riders" Included in that figure was 43 unlicensed & unknown riders.

SO WHAT it was a reduction on previous years which we had explained to you.

2015-16,	110
2016-17,	93
2017-18,	88
2018-19,	41

A CLEAR REDUCTION with the new rider training. Which previous minister Rene Hidding said would make raising the speed of novice riders acceptable! This was stated at the Motorcycle Safety Working Group meeting on Wednesday 24th September 2014.

"Present: Martin Crane (Chair), Peter Roche (MAIB), Shaun Lennard (TMC), **Craig Hoey,** Anne-Maree Mills, Yasmin Maskiell, **Neil Spark,** Karen Kean, Simon Hryczyszyn (TMC), Paul Bullock and John Wallander (motorcycle representatives)"

The minister was present.

MAIB claims

As you have been advised in accordance with the Motor Accidents (Liabilities and Compensation) Act 1973 benefits are not payable to motorcyclists who do not hold a drivers license for the relevant class or the vehicle was unregistered.

We gave you the documentation and we explained it to you.

WHY then is MAIB accepting unlicensed and unknown on motorcycle claims.

2015-16,	41
2016-17,	25
2017-18,	43
2018-19,	31
<u>Total</u>	99 in 4 years

These figures distort motorcycle claims, which are also used by MAIB to the Tasmanian Economic Regulator who set the premiums for motorcycles.

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Every time there is a motorcycle crash police and government departments always say motorcyclists are over represented in crashes, which is not helped by the overloading of data using unlicensed and unknown motorcycles in the figures.

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