

PRIVATE MOTOR INSURANCE MARKET INVESTIGATION

Invitation to comment on suppliers for vehicle inspection programme

29 April 2013

As part of its investigation into private motor insurance (PMI), the Competition Commission (CC) intends to engage a company to carry out inspections of vehicles which have been involved in accidents and repaired.

The objectives are to assess the quality of repairs which have been made on vehicles which have been involved in accidents by comparing the pre-accident condition (evidenced through documentation) with the post-accident condition (evidenced through physical inspection) of the parts of the vehicle which have been repaired; and to identify any parts damaged through the accident which have not been repaired.

The CC has approached a number of potential firms to conduct this work, as set out below:

Sidney H Hooper and Co Ltd	Kirkby Lodge, South Boundary Road, Knowsley Industrial Park, Liverpool L33 7SF
MSX International Limited	The Octagon, 27 Middlebrough, Colchester, Essex CO1 1TG
RAC	Great Park Road, Bradley Stoke, Bristol BS32 4QN

The CC intends to decide which of these firms will carry out this work by Tuesday 7 May. If any party to this investigation has reason to believe that any of the above-named firms should not undertake this study, either because of a potential conflict of interest or because of any other restriction on the firm's ability to carry out the work, that party should inform the CC as soon as possible and by no later than Friday 3 May.

All comments should be addressed to Bob Gibbons, the Inquiry Manager, by email or in writing at either:

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