

## Insurance Council of Australia – Question on Notice

### Joint Standing Committee on Road Safety – Electric and Hybrid Vehicle Batteries

**The Hon. NATALIE WARD:** Is that something you might consider, potentially? I'm not trying to tell you how to do your job. I'm just saying it could be very helpful in your members' interests and the interests of our emergency service workers and everyone else who has to deal with the fallout.

**KYLIE MACFARLANE:** We can take that on notice.

#### ICA Answer

Insurers have data on the number and type of Electric Vehicles which are covered under products provided by the General Insurance industry.

However, the number of devices powered by lithium-ion batteries, such as e-bikes and e-scooters, as well as the types of devices currently in use, is harder to determine from an insurance perspective as this would require policy holders to declare this information in their home and contents policy.

There may, however, be opportunities in the future to partner with other industry stakeholders and contribute to data sets which quantify and characterize the Personal Mobility Device market in Australia.

More broadly, ICA's submission to the Inquiry recommended stronger regulatory enforcement activity around the importation and sale of this type of product to reduce the rising incidence of unsafe products.

This enhanced regulatory environment would not only strengthen safety outcomes, it would also provide a sound basis upon which to accurately capture data around the number and type of e-bikes and e-scooters in Australia.