

## **Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Bill**

### **Debate points from the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL)**

- An injured person now keeps 100 per cent of his compensation. If this Bill is passed, this would no longer be the case for many victims
- Part of the legal fee would be paid out of the damages awarded to the injured person. This is unfair and unjust - the wrongdoer should continue to be held accountable
- Many cases won't be brought at all as a result of proposed funding changes
- The Bill removes legal aid for clinical negligence, leaving the most vulnerable people unable to obtain legal help
- The interests of injured people have been relegated to save money for insurance companies