Motability

Yesterday our Committees jointly took evidence on Motability from the senior leadership of both the charity and operations company and then the Minister for Disabled People.

Following concerning evidence about salaries paid by Motability, its substantial reserves, its corporate governance, its relationship with the banks, and its privileged position in the market regarding its exemptions from Value Added Tax and Insurance Premium Tax, we pressed them on the prospect of agreeing to being assessed by the National Audit Office under section 6 of the National Audit Act 1983. This would enable you to set the terms of the NAO’s investigation, require Motability to provide information and ultimately report to Parliament. We were pleased that the Motability representatives concurred that this was the most appropriate course of action. This would also meet the Secretary of State’s call for a “robust and independent assessment”.

Given this consensus of opinion, we would be grateful if you could confirm that the NAO will conduct a section 6 assessment.

Best wishes and we look forward to hearing from you,

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Chair, Work and Pensions Committee
Chair, Treasury Committee