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Dear Catherine

Thank you for your email of 11 June to the Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP, regarding the progress of remediation. I am responding as Building Safety Minister. I apologise for the delay in responding.

Firstly I would like to thank you for raising your concerns about the pace of remediation. The fire at Grenfell Tower was a terrible tragedy and we are determined to learn the lessons of Grenfell to ensure residents are safe, both now and in the future.

The Government took immediate action in the aftermath of the Grenfell fire by establishing the Building Safety Programme to ensure that existing buildings and those built in the future are safe for all residents. Recognising the unparalleled risk caused by unsafe Aluminium Composite Material (ACM) cladding, we have prioritised its removal from all multi-occupied residential buildings over 18 metres, working with local government, regulatory bodies and industry to identify and remediate these buildings.

To support this work, Government has provided £600 million for the remediation of high-rise residential buildings with unsafe ACM cladding. The Government has also committed £1 Billion to support the remediation of unsafe non-ACM cladding systems on residential buildings 18 metres and over in height in both the private and social housing sectors. We are working quickly to make this funding available.

We have now published *The Building Safety Fund for the remediation of non-ACM Cladding Systems (England only) Registration prospectus*. The prospectus sets out the buildings and non-ACM cladding systems that are eligible for funding. Registrations opened 1st June with guidance for the application process to be published end of July 2020. You can find more information on the fund here: www.gov.uk/guidance/remediation-of-non-acm-buildings/.

The new Building Safety Fund has benefited from the challenges faced and the lessons learned during the administration of the ACM fund, and we have considered how best to align the process across both the ACM and non-ACM funds. We will ensure that remediation continues to happen at pace and that everything is done to prevent anything like the Grenfell Tower fire from ever happening again.

The Government has repeatedly made clear that building owners are responsible for ensuring the safety of their buildings, regardless of the height of the building. It is important to note that Government funding does not absolve building owners of their responsibility to ensure their

buildings are safe. Building owners should act to rectify fire safety defects that weaken a building's fire protections and has published a range of guidance for building owners.

Where building owners are failing to make acceptable progress, those responsible should expect further action to be taken – including tougher enforcement action by local authorities and Fire and Rescue Services. To support enforcement action from local authorities we have provided bespoke operating guidance to clarify how hazard assessments of unsafe cladding should be made. We have also established the Joint Inspection Team to support local authorities in taking enforcement action.

I want to see all buildings that have not yet started commencing work on site as soon as possible. We have procured Faithful and Gould to provide additional project management capability with specialist knowledge of the construction sector to help speed up the development and implementation of building plans.

Finally, MHCLG publishes a monthly data release for the Building Safety Programme which provides data on the remediation of buildings with unsafe cladding. You can find more information here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/aluminium-composite-material-cladding#acm-remediation-data>.

Thank you for writing in on this important matter.

Yours ever,



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