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**Sent:** 08 March 2010 18:20:16  
**To:** Sandy Bishop; Brian Martin; PSShahidMalik; PSPeterHousden; PSLordMcKenzie  
**CC:** PSJohnDenham; Richard Longman; Anthony Burd; Shona Dunn; John Fiennes; Sarah Sturrock; David R Symes; David Prout; Chris Hayes; Ken Knight; Peter Wise  
**Subject:** FW: London Assembly Investigation into Fire Safety in tall & timber framed buildings in London - CLG draft reply  
  
**Importance:** High  
  
**Attachments:** 100308 draft CLG reply - London Assembly Investigation .doc; PW Elec Letter Fire Call for responses 15-02-2010.pdf

Dear all,

Further to my e-mail below, I attach a draft response from CLG to the recent letters policy officials have received asking for a response to the London Assembly's Planning and Housing Committee's investigation in fire safety in tall and timber framed buildings in London. You will wish to be aware of it.

The Perm Secretary's Office are seeking Cabinet Office advice on handling. However, as it is unlikely that CO will advise against sending a short factual response covering all CLG's policy areas (ie, Building Regulations and Fire Safety), we are proposing that Sandy Bishop (Deputy Director of FRSD) sends the attached draft reply tomorrow, subject to any comments you may have. The Assembly asked for a response by Friday 5 March, and we do not want to be seen to be unhelpful or unresponsive on this.

An early response therefore - by 12 on Tuesday 9 March - would be very helpful as I will be out of the office from 1pm.

Many thanks, and apologies for the deadline

Louise

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**From:** Louise Upton  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 24, 2010 2:24 PM  
**To:** Jenan Hasan  
**Cc:** Brian Martin; Peter Wise; Sandy Bishop; Shona Dunn; Ken Knight; PSShahidMalik  
**Subject:** London Assembly Investigation into Fire Safety in tall & timberframed buildings in London  
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Hi Jenan

We spoke about this letter which has been received by colleagues in the Office of the Chief Fire and Rescue Adviser and in Sustainable Buildings and seeks our input into an investigation in fire safety in tall and timberframed buildings in London, being carried out by the Planning and Housing Committee of the London Assembly. Colleagues in HSE have received the same letter and are seeking Cabinet Office advice on whether they are required to how, and if so, whether any guidance is available to them.

Our view at this stage, is that CLG should offer a response to most of the questions raised but that this needs to be factual statements of policy only. Before starting work on a draft reply (which I've agreed to coordinate), it'd be very helpful to have a steer from the centre on any issues, protocols etc that we need to be mindful of when contributing to the Assembly's investigation. I'm grateful to you for agreeing to take this on.

I suspect that we are the only 3 people in CLG who have been sent the letter by the London Assembly

Look forward to hearing from soon,

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