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Dear Sir,

In your letter of the 6th of July to the Chair of the Housing, Communities and Local Government Select Committee you refer to evidence of cladding systems constructed from products rated A1 and A2 failing to achieve the standards required by the British Standard (BS) 8414 large scale system test.

In your evidence to the Committee you refer specifically to a BS 8414 test commissioned by yourselves on Vitracore G2 cladding and Rockwool DuoSlab carried out at Exova Warringtonfire's Dubai testing house on 2nd July 2018, and you commit to sharing the full results of the test with the Committee as soon as you receive them.

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government is taking forward work as quickly as possible to establish whether there is a public safety risk in relation to this cladding, and to determine any action that should be taken to ensure public safety. It is of the highest priority for Ministers that we establish whether there is a risk to public safety. Based on your colleagues' contact with the Department to date, I know that you are committed to ensuring maximum public safety and to assisting us with our investigation.

I understand that Exova Warringtonfire have now provided you with the full report for the Dubai test and I am writing to ask for a copy to be sent to us by return, along with your agreement for the Department to enter into direct communication with Exova Warringtonfire regarding the test. This information will help us to advance our investigation, which is critical to providing assurance to the public on the safety of their homes. I know that you appreciate the urgency of our request.

You have also agreed to provide us with the remaining samples of the Vitracore cladding currently in Dubai so that we can carry out further tests, and I ask that you ensure that this request is expedited.

Yours Faithfully,



Rachel McLean
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