

GRENFELL TOWER INQUIRY

**SUBMISSION ON THE REPORT OF DR. STOIANOV
ON BEHALF OF THE LONDON FIRE COMMISSIONER**

1. The report of Dr. Stoianov was disclosed to the LFB on Friday 30th July 2021. It runs to more than 800 pages with additional supporting material. It expresses opinions, based on extensive technical data, which might have far reaching consequences for fire and rescue services with regard to the use and deployment of firefighting equipment to maximize the available supplies in local water systems.
2. In the short time available the LFB has sought to address the multiple issues which Dr. Stoianov raises but there is much yet to do before a fully informed view of the report can be taken. What is clear at this stage is that the Dr. Stoianov does not purport to be an expert in firefighting or the use of equipment on the fire ground in a live incident. Indeed, his opinions are largely the result of an academic analysis based upon available data, including manufacturers statements and advertisements of the capabilities of their products.
3. The LFB is in the process of testing a number of the Dr. Stoianov's conclusions in a practical setting with the assistance of the Fire Service College. This involves a range of logistical challenges which are unlikely be overcome in time to formulate an informed view of his report before he is currently due to give evidence to the Inquiry.
4. It is also noted that the most recent report of Professor Torero (disclosed to the LFB on Friday 20th August 2021) relies on Dr. Stoianov's conclusions which he appears to take on face value.

5. Accordingly the Panel is requested to adjourn the receipt of Dr. Stoianov's report in evidence (and any views which Professor Torero may seek to make upon it) until the results of these tests are available and can be considered by the Panel and by Dr. Stoianov himself.

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3 September 2021