



installed. However this was not always possible, so I would be inspecting completed installations also.

6. Did you have any communication with Abigail Acosta in which your role and title were discussed? If so, please give details, including any discussions about whether you were to perform the Clerk of Works role or have a role in the signing off of doors, for the Flat Fire Doors Replacement Programme?

[AF] I don't remember exactly what and when we were discussing with Abigail Acosta, but I'm sure when TMO signed up to LHC membership this would be explained to TMO that we don't perform our work as CoW.

7. In [TMO00868225], a series of emails between yourself and Abigail Acosta, on 13/09/11 Abigail Acosta commented "Not too worry will get KCTMO COW to start checking works on our behalf". In relation to the TMO Clerk of Works referred to in this comment:

a) Was this the first time Abigail Acosta had mentioned a TMO Clerk of Works? If not, were you aware of a TMO Clerk of Works for the Flat Fire Doors Replacement Programme prior to this email? If so, please give details, including details of any meetings or communications you had with the TMO Clerk of Works; and

b) Were you aware at any time of a TMO Clerk of Works checking doors installed under the Flat Fire Doors Replacement Programme? If so, give details.

[AF] – for a) I don't remember details for this. B) this was not a matter I was concerned with, CoW does not report to LHC nor we needed to coordinate our inspections with their inspections. We work total independent.

8. Were you aware of the sign off procedure for the Flat Fire Doors Replacement Programme? If so, please give details including who was required to sign off the doors.

[AF] – I assume there was a sign off procedure – but I would not be part of it or was aware of it. LHC had no authority to sign off anything.

9. Was anyone present with you when you carried out your inspections? If so, who?

[AF] – I think couple time Andy Webster from Manse Masterdoor was with me. I'm sure this fact was indicated on my reports.

10. How frequently, where and for what purpose did you meet with Abigail Acosta?

[AF] – I don't re-call frequency of our meetings, if there was a meeting, only for the purpose of discussing issues on the project.

11. To your knowledge, were any additional checks/inspections of doors conducted at Grenfell Tower aside from yours?







[AF] – I have met Andy few times when I was carrying out my visits. If anything I would share my finding with Andy and asked him to have a look at addressing issues.

d) What was your understanding of Abigail Acosta's comment 'Pls indicate which ones are ready as I would like to be there for sign off'? What was your reply and what happened for sign off?

[AF] – sign off would be only by TMO. AA meant, that I needed to indicate doors that I was happy with installation quality.

14. In early June 2011 Abigail Acosta emailed you regarding the resident of 175 Grenfell Tower, who was having difficulties with her new door [TMO00867158]. Abigail Acosta states "Alex please ensure that prior to works being signed off that residents can use the door ie open and lock, spy holes to right height etc". In relation to this email:

a) What did you take this comment to mean? And

[AF] – I have learned that many elderly residents were having difficulty to operate/lock these new doors properly. If I remember correctly TMO had specified split spindles door handles, which means that once door is close a key is required to open it from outside. This did not mean that door was secure, as locking bolts would not be engaged. So I had to show and explain that particular resident how to operate new door. I'm sure Manse were giving out leaflets and showing how to operate these doors, but I did it just in case resident needed an extra time to be shown how to use these doors.

b) How did you respond to this email?

[AF] – don't recall.

15. In late June 2011 Abigail Acosta forwarded you a series of emails regarding problems with the new doors at King Charles House [TMO00867381] and one of the flats not being included in your site visit report. Abigail Acosta asks 'Can you ensure that the report is reflective of actual works being undertaken for audit purposes'. In relation to this email:

a) What did you take this comment to mean? and

[AF] – I don't remember what she meant


b) How did you respond to this email?

[AF] – I don't recall.

I understand that my statement will form part of the Inquiry record and will be published on the website for the Inquiry.

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Fomin', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alexander Fomin

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