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Subject: RE: Power Surges at Grenfell Tower

Cllr Blakeman,

Mr Keane is going to follow up your request for specific information on the Council's Insurance Policy with [REDACTED] I shall come back to you as soon as possible.

Regards
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From: Cllr, Blakeman, Judith
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Subject: Power Surges at Grenfell Tower

Dear Ms. Johnson and Mr. Black

I would be grateful if one of you can let me have a copy of the conditions of the Council's insurance policy with [REDACTED] – the policy under which the residents of Grenfell Tower were denied compensation following the damage to their personal possessions caused by the recent power surges at the block.

I still do not understand why compensation was denied. Although it is claimed that the TMO was not liable for the power surges, neither were the residents responsible for the damage to their property.

The power surges were not an Act of God, more an Act or Omission of Man, so it is hard to see why an insurer can abrogate its responsibility to compensate residents for something not their fault. It suggests to me that the insurance policy that the Council holds with [REDACTED] on behalf of the TMO for the TMO housing stock is not fit for purpose. The experience at Grenfell Tower could be replicated across the Borough to the detriment of other tenants and leaseholders in any other similar situation.

One point that was raised at last week's meeting with Grenfell Tower residents (and Mr. Delaney [REDACTED] who appears to claim some expertise in these matters) was that the Council is supposed to bear a designated initial sum before any claim goes to [REDACTED] – two figures, £150,000 and £300,000 were quoted at the meeting. It is therefore unclear why the claim went to [REDACTED] rather than RBKC in the first place. Can someone also please clarify this for me?

Many thanks.

Cllr. Judith Blakeman

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