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Earlier this year, the Home Secretary and I asked Dame Judith Hackitt to carry out an Independent Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety. I am pleased to inform the House that Dame Judith has published her Interim Report today. It is available at: $www.gov.uk/government/publications/independent-review-of-building-regulations-and-fire-safety-interim-report \ {\bf and} \ copies \ {\bf are} \ {\bf a$ being placed in the Libraries of both Houses.

The publication of Dame Judith's Interim Report is an important milestone. The Home Secretary and I welcome the report, its findings, and the extensive engagement Dame Judith has carried out with industry, residents, building control bodies, fire and rescue services, government and other key partners.

It is my intention to update the House further regarding the publication of this report in an oral statement this afternoon.

This Interim report provides a strong foundation for the next phase of the Review. We will continue work with Dame Judith and other partners over the coming months as she finalises her recommendations and I look forward to updating the House on Dame Judith's Final Report in the Spring.

This statement has also been made in the House of Lords: HLWS353