

Grenfell Tower Inquiry

5 April 2018

**Ms Sarah Wise/Prachi Kanse
The Government Legal Department
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By Email Only

Dear Madam

RE: Grenfell Tower Inquiry - Your Client: MHCLG

Thank you for your letter dated 13 March 2018 in which you have explained some of the steps which the MHCLG is currently undertaking in relation to fire doors.

At the end of your letter you kindly indicated that you would be happy to provide further information or clarification of the matters set out in your letter.

The Chairman would welcome further information and clarification on a number of matters, as set out below. The technical experts who have been instructed by the public Inquiry have raised some concerns about the fire-resisting properties of the fire doors at Grenfell Tower. Although their investigations are ongoing, those concerns appear to have been borne out by the recent fire door testing undertaken by the Metropolitan Police. The Inquiry experts will be considering carefully the precise factors which led to the spread of smoke and flame on the night of the fire and will be looking closely at the contribution which may have been made by the flat doors inside the Tower. These doors (most of which appear to have been manufactured by Masterdor) appear to be specifically marketed for use in social housing and the Inquiry understands that they may be present in other local authority housing stock.

In circumstances where Phase 1 of the Inquiry's work will be considering the factors which led to the spread of smoke and fire on the night, with a view to making any urgent public safety recommendations in this area, it is important that the Inquiry is fully apprised of the further work which MHCLG intends to do on this topic and the risk assessment process which has been undertaken to date.

In that regard we seek the following information/clarification:

1. What is the timetable for the further inspection and testing of fire doors identified in the third paragraph of your letter?

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2. Can the Inquiry be provided with the results of that further testing as soon as possible?
3. The reasons why this further inspection and testing is planned to take “several months”.
4. The reasons why it has been concluded that this issue does not present an immediate risk to public safety.
5. Confirmation of whether that question has specifically been considered in the context of high-rise buildings where the composition of the cladding materials is the same as at Grenfell Tower (including ACM rainscreen cladding with a polyethylene core).
6. Whether the Inquiry can be provided with a copy of the risk assessment which is referred to in the fourth paragraph of your letter.

We look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible and by 26 April 2018 at the latest.

Yours faithfully

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