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I am writing to provide more detail on the Prime Minister's announcement on 16 May that government will fully fund the removal and replacement of dangerous cladding on buildings owned by councils and housing associations, with costs estimated at £400 million.

I am pleased to say that social sector landlords are getting on with the job of making their buildings safe. We believe we have identified the 158 buildings in the social housing sector which have ACM cladding systems which need to be remediated. Work has started on two thirds of these, and all have interim fire safety measures in place. However, the Government is aware that the cost of remediation of ACM cladding systems means building owners are having to take decisions about how to prioritise important services, repairs and maintenance work and new supply. We are therefore providing this funding so that they can continue to provide these essential services while also making your buildings safe.

I can confirm that grant funding will be available for the remediation of ACM cladding systems which have failed large-scale tests on residential social housing buildings over 18m owned by local authorities and housing associations. This will not be means tested, and will be available regardless of whether work has been started, completed or not yet started, so that building owners do not have to worry about the cost of work displacing other activities.

Because we are providing this funding to social sector landlords, we want them to go further in taking a low risk approach to fire safety. We will therefore be asking them to replace the unsafe cladding on their buildings with non-combustible materials which meet A1 and A2 standards in order to be eligible for the funding. We will then fund reasonable costs associated with the removal and replacement of cladding, such as access, scaffolding, materials and labour. We will also continue to offer local authorities financial flexibilities for other essential work.

We will be providing more detail about the process to apply for grant funding within the next few weeks.

RT HON JAMES BROKENSHIRE MP