1	Wednesday, 7 November 2018	1	What you can see on the screen that's on the witness
2	(10.00 am)	2	desk, Mrs Sobieszczak, is the first page of your
3	(Proceedings delayed)	3	statement to this inquiry.
4	(10.18 am)	4	If you want a paper version, there's a bundle on the
5	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Good morning, everyone. Welcome to	5	desk in front of you.
6	today's hearing.	6	A. Mm-hm.
7	I'm sorry we've kept you waiting a few minutes. I'm	7	Q. What we need now to do is just go to page 7 of the
8	afraid there were one or two administrative matters we	8	statement, please.
9	needed to sort out, but we're ready to start now.	9	This is the last page of the statement, and it's got
10	So, yes, Mr Rawat.	10	a statement of truth that reads:
11	MR RAWAT: Good morning, Mr Chairman.	11	"I believe that the facts stated in this statement
12	Before I call our first witness, can I make a short	12	are true."
13	announcement in relation to the witness order for today.	13	Then it's dated 26 September 2018, and carries
14	We were scheduled to have a witness in the	14	a signature.
15	afternoon, Rebecca Ross. She is unfortunately	15	Can you confirm that that's your signature?
16	unavailable today. So once we've dealt with the witness	16	A. It is.
17	this morning, we will use the rest of the time to read	17	Q. Have you had a chance to read the statement recently?
18	statements into the record.	18	A. Yes, yes, I did.
19	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes. Very well, thank you.	19	Q. Are the contents of the statement true?
20	MR RAWAT: Mr Chairman, may I now call Elizabeth	20	A. True.
21	Sobieszczak.	21	MR RAWAT: Sir, there are no exhibits to put into the
22	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, thank you very much.	22	record.
23	ELIZABETH SOBIESZCZAK (swom)	23	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Right, thank you.
24	Questions by MR RAWAT	24	MR RAWAT: If we go back to the first page, please, can
25	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Thank you very much. Would you like	25	I just begin by asking you some background questions.
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1	to sit down and make yourself comfortable.	1	In June 2017, you were living in flat 43 on the 7th
2	THE WITNESS: Thank you.	2	floor of Grenfell Tower; is that right?
3	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: All right?	3	A. That's correct.
4	Yes, Mr Rawat.	4	Q. How long, by that time, had you lived in Grenfell Tower?
5	MR RAWAT: Thank you, sir.	5	A. Since 1985, so it's 32 years.
6	Good morning.	6	Q. And is it right that flat 43 was a two-bedroom flat?
7	A. Good morning.	7	A. That's correct.
8	Q. Can you give the inquiry your full name, please.	8	Q. In June 2017, who was living in that flat with you?
9	A. Mrs Elizabeth Sobieszczak.	9	A. My husband, and my daughter.
10	Q. Mrs Sobieszczak, thank you for coming to give evidence	10	Q. I want now to show you an image.
11	to the inquiry today. Your help is very much	11	Mr Chairman, it's one of the ones that we've shown
12	appreciated.	12	to other witnesses before.
13	My questions today are going to focus on the night	13	Although, Ms Sobieszczak, it's a photograph taken
14	of the fire itself, and we all understand that it can be	14	inside the tower after the fire, it's in no way
15	difficult to ask you to go back and try and relive the	15	distressing.
16	events of that night. So what I would ask is that if at	16	Could I have, please, up on the screen, INQ00000093.
17	any time you need a break, please just let me know and	17	If I explain, Mrs Sobieszczak, this is a photograph
18	we will stop.	18	and it was taken by one of the inquiry's expert, and
19	I'm going to try, hopefully, to keep my questions	19	it's of a sign that was by the lifts on floor 3.
20	short and simple. If at any time I ask you a question	20	A. Mm-hm.
21	that you don't understand, please do tell me, and I'll	21	Q. Do you remember seeing a sign like this on your floor?
22	put it in a different way for you.	22	A. Yes, I have. By the lift only.
23	The first thing that we need to do is to formally	23	Q. Do you remember seeing it on any other floors?
24	put your statement into the record. Could we have,	24	A. On the ground floor also.
25	please, IWS00001105, page 1.	25	Q. Did you ever take a chance to read that sign?
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1	A. Yes, I have.	1	"When I saw the end result the window looked nice
2	Q. What information did you get from the sign?	2	and pretty but when they were putting on the insulation
3	A. In case of fire, just stay in your flat until somebody	3	and cladding I could see that it was very badly done.
4	tells you or Fire Brigade otherwise.	4	There were gaps everywhere but they just covered up the
5	Q. Aside from this notice, were you given any information	5	bad workmanship. Everything was plastic. You could put
6	by any organisation or individual as to what you should	6	your finger inside the gaps between the cladding, even
7	do if there was a fire in the tower?	7	after they had finished, especially at the corners. By
8	A. Not really, no.	8	the kitchen window there was an even bigger gap and they
9	Q. So in June 2017, what was your understanding of what you	9	simply covered it with black duct tape."
10	should do if there was a fire in the tower?	10	So you refer there to gaps.
11	A. My understanding are just common sense and instinct.	11	After the refurbishment had been completed, were
12	Q. Well, can I come back to that	12	there visible gaps in your windows?
13	A. Sure.	13	A. Yes, there were.
14	Q when I ask you about the night itself, if I may.	14	Q. If we go back to the plan, please, MET00012593, page 12,
15	Could I just ask you some questions about the layout	15	if you look at the blue lines that are on that, they
16	of your flat.	16	denote the windows, and you have a window in each
17	A. Mm-hm.	17	bedroom facing south, two windows in the lounge facing
18	Q. I'd like to show you a plan, please. Could we have	18	south, and then windows facing west again in the lounge
19	MET00012593, page 12, please.	19	and also in the kitchen.
20	If I could explain, Mrs Sobieszczak, this is a plan	20	Which windows had gaps in them after the
21	of the layout of the 4th floor.	21	refurbishment had finished?
22	A. Mm-hm.	22	A. We had a problem with the lounge, one window, which is
23	Q. It shows the various flats, but it's the same layout as	23	next to the kitchen, let's call it middle window, and we
24	you go up the tower, so it would be the same layout for	24	had problem also in our bedroom with the window, which
25	your floor, floor 7.	25	later on they came and they fixed it.
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1	If we could expand just flat 3.	1	Q. So if we take you to June 2017, you said that something
2	So this would be the layout of your flat, and we can	2	had been fixed in your bedroom window, but were there
3	see the two bedrooms.	3	still gaps in any windows?
4	Can you confirm which bedroom was your bedroom and	4	A. There were gaps in the cladding outside, and especially,
5	which one was your daughter's?	5	like, in the kitchen corner.
6	A. My bedroom, it was the first one. The second, next to	6	Q. Well, can I come back to the cladding then.
7	lounge, it was my daughter's bedroom.	7	A. Yes.
8	Q. So you had the bedroom closest to flat 2	8	Q. You say that you didn't think very much of the work that
9	A. That's correct.	9	was done on the windows.
10	Q and your daughter had the bedroom closest to the	10	Did you experience any problems with the windows as
11	lounge in the flat?	11	a result of the work that was done?
12	A. That's correct.	12	A. Later on, when they fixed it properly, I had no problems
13	Q. Did you have any smoke alarms in your flat?	13	whatsoever.
14	A. Yes, we did, yes, in the hall.	14	Q. Did you have any problem with draughts at all at any
15	Q. So one in the hall. Were there	15	time?
16	A. Just one in the hall.	16	A. No.
17	Q. Just one in the hall.	17	MR RAWAT: You say there were gaps in the cladding. Can
18	Do you know if that smoke alarm was working	18	I try and help you with that by just showing you
19	in June 2017?	19	a photograph, please.
20	A. It was, it was working.	20	Again, Mr Chairman, it's a photograph we've shown
21	Q. Could I take you to your statement, please, and let's	21	a witness already.
22	look at page 2 of the statement and paragraph 5.	22	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.
23	You're here discussing the refurbishment and,	23	MR RAWAT: But for those who find any images of themselves
24	specifically, the windows. You say at the second half	24	distressing, this may be the moment to look away.
25	of the paragraph, if I read that out:	25	It's BLAR0000003, page 47 of that document.
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1	Could we expand the top photograph there, please.	1	A. I just look at the clock.
2	Thank you.	2	Q. Did you speak to your daughter when she got back home
3	This is, I hope, to help you a little bit,	3	that night?
4	Mrs Sobieszczak, but it's not going to be a photograph	4	A. Oh, yes, I have, yes.
5	necessarily of the window from your flat, but it's of	5	Q. The reason I asked about time is your daughter,
6	a window and it shows the exterior and the cladding.	6	Florentyna, has made a statement to the inquiry, and she
7	Does that help you to show us where there were gaps	7	says that it was about 12.15 when she actually got into
8	in the cladding?	8	bed.
9	A. Yes, there was a big gap covered by the black duct tape	9	Do you think it's possible she may have arrived back
10	by the end of the window, the smaller part.	10	a little earlier?
11	Q. Would it	11	A. Probably. I'm sorry, I don't remember exact time, but
12	A. The window.	12	it was around 12.30.
13	Q. Could you stand up and just point it out on there?	13	Q. Do you have a recollection of looking at the time when
14	A. Sure. It's this part (Indicates).	14	she got back?
15	Q. So on the image, it's by the smaller window, the part of	15	A. I kind of like looked, but it's just very foggy at the
16	the cladding running flat out from the window?	16	moment. I'm not sure if it's difference 5/10 minutes,
17	A. (Nodded assent)	17	either way.
18	Q. That was outside which of your windows?	18	
19	A. Kitchen window.	18	Q. I think we all appreciate estimating time is difficult.  If we look at paragraphs 6 and 7, if we could expand
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	Q. In your statement you say that you could put your finger	20	that, please, and just draw your attention to the last
21	inside the gaps. Was that the gap that you could put	21	line of your paragraph 6:
22	your finger inside?	22	"Very soon afterwards I could hear the ventilation
23	A. That's correct.	23	shaft downstairs beginning to work."
24	Q. I think you signalled that it was your small finger that	24	So my first question is: what do you mean by
25	you could put in.	25	"downstairs"?
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1	A. Yes, it was.	1	A. It means above the main door, downstairs, entrance to
2	Q. And how was that fixed?	2	the building.
3	A. It wasn't. I could still see the gap.	3	Q. Well, can I show you, please, a photograph, then. Can
4	Q. You mentioned the use of black duct tape.	4	we have SEA00000394, please.
5	A. That's right.	5	Mrs Sobieszczak, this is a photograph that I think
6	Q. So did someone come, put black duct tape over the gap,	6	was taken at about the time of the refurbishment, and we
7	and then go away?	7	can see the lobby entrance with the green cover.
8	A. There were kind of elevators when they were putting the	8	You might be able to see it if not, we can expand
9	cladding outside, so they were like travelling up and	9	it for you can you see there appears to be a grille
10	just masking wherever it had to be done.	10	just above where it says "Grenfell Tower"?
11	Q. In June 2017, was the black duct tape still there?	11	Does that help you to tell us what you meant by
12	A. Yes, until the night of the fire.	12	"downstairs"?
13	Q. Thank you.	13	A. That's exactly what it was.
14	Could I take you now, please, to the night of the	14	Q. So
15	fire itself.	15	A. The ventilation shaft above the door.
16	If we go, please, to page 2 of your statement.	16	Q. So, Ralph, if you could just put your red dot on the
17	In your statement, you explain that on that night	17	grilles that are above there.
18	you couldn't sleep properly and so you were moving	18	That's what you're indicating, is it?
19	around the flat.	19	A. That's correct.
20	Do you remember if your bedroom window was open?	20	Q. So, for the record, Mrs Sobieszczak is identifying on
21	A. It was open. It was always open, all year round.	20	the picture what looks like two grilles that are in the
		21 22	image immediately above the words "Grenfell Tower".
22	Q. You tell us that your daughter arrived back at around	23	When did you learn that it was a ventilation shaft?
23	12.30.		•
24	A. That's correct.  Q. How do you estimate that time?	24 25	A. During the refurbishment, I was coming home and I could
25	O HOW OF VOILESTIMATE MALTIME!	1 43	hear, like, hoover noise, loud, and I've seen on the
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side one of the managers and I ask him, "What is that sound about?" And he said that they are checking the ventition shaft, if it working properly.  4. Q. Now, this was during the refurbishment.  5. A. Yes.  6. Q. Can you remember what year it was?  7. A. That was 2016.  8. Q. You say you spoke to a manager; can you just confirm the mane of that ranager?  9. A. That, I don't know his name. There was quite a few managers son the site.  10. Q. In your statement—I It lake you to the paragraph if you want—you refor to someone called Simon.  11. A. That's correct.  12. Q. In your statement—I It lake you to the paragraph if you want—you refor to someone called Simon.  13. Q. Was that the person you spoke to?  14. A. That's correct.  15. Q. Was that the person you spoke to?  16. A. No, it wasn't that person.  17. Q. Right.  18. Do you know which company the person you spoke to worked for?  29. A. Rydon.  20. Q. So this manager tells you that they're checking to see if the ventilation shaft is working properly.  21. Q. In your statement—I have been completed, when you were on a normal day coming back and forth to your home and using that frost entrance, day you ever hear a nose from the grilles that we see above the words from the grilles that we see above the words (frendled I wove?)  15. A. No, it wasn't that person.  16. A. No, it wasn't that person.  17. Q. Right.  18. Do you know which company the person you spoke to worked for?  29. A. Rydon.  20. Q. So dish manage tells you that they're checking to see if the ventilation shaft is working properly.  21. Q. Was it a male person?  22. A. Correct.  23. A. Correct.  24. Q. Was it amale person?  25. A. Yes, it was.  26. Page 13.  27. A. Yes, it was.  28. Page 15.  29. Did he tell you what the system was supposed to be for?  29. A. He does not be such as a hoover on maximum power?  20. A. No, he haun't.  21. Q. Did he tell you what is well in the first occasions. Obviously during the entire control of the same is a short of the first.  29. Q. And conce beck to dark the				
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1	a black smoke.	1	that day, on 13 June?
2	Q. But did you see the smoke at the same time that you	2	A. Yes, I have.
3	heard this sound or did you hear the sound before?	3	Q. When you came back home, did you use the lifts?
4	A. Yes, I heard before the sound, yes, of ventilation	4	A. Oh, yes.
5	shaft.	5	Q. So you would've gone through and it's Mrs Alves that
6	Q. I think you told us that when you heard the sound, you	6	is holding the door open that door, wouldn't you, to
7	looked out of the window.	7	get to the lifts?
8	A. That's correct.	8	A. That's correct.
9	Q. When you looked out, did you see anything going on	9	Q. Do you remember hearing that ventilation system when you
10	outside, at that point?	10	were waiting for the ground floor lifts?
11	A. I've seen the white smoke. But I did open the front	11	A. From time to time. Not all the time.
12	door, and I could smell kind of it was chemical	12	Q. What about on that night itself?
13	smell. But there was no smoke coming. But straight	13	A. No, I haven't.
14	away I knew that there is a fire in the building.	14	Q. Just so that I can be clear, is it that, no, you did not
15	MR RAWAT: Can I come back to that.	15	hear it because there was no sound, or that you can't
16	I want to just show you, before we move on to more	16	remember hearing something?
17	detail of the night itself, an image, just to pick up	17	A. When I was waiting for the lift, I didn't hear the
18	your point that you said there was another vent on the	18	ventilation, that it was on.
19	ground floor. So can I show you another image, please.	19	Q. Can you remember what time you got back home that night?
20	Mr Chairman, this is a CCTV image taken on the night	20	A. It wasn't night, it was in the afternoon, late
21	itself, but, again, it's not a distressing image and	21	afternoon. And then evening and night, I was at home.
22	it's one I think we've shown to a witness before.	22	Q. I mean, late afternoon can you give us a time that
23	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Very well.	23	you might have got back home?
24	MR RAWAT: Could we have INQ00000404, please.	24	A. Between 4.00/5.00 in the afternoon.
25	It may be that you recognise the people who are in	25	Q. Thank you.
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2	it.	2	any alarms from anywhere else?
3	Q. You've described it in your statement as an irritating	3	A. No, I haven't.
4	kind of choking smell.	4	Q. What you also tell us in your statement is that
5	A. That's correct.	5	Florentyna, your daughter, goes to Betty's flat and then
6	Q. Did it have any physical effect on you at that time?	6	comes back into your home, and then a decision is made
7	A. I had to cover my mouth when we were coming downstairs,	7	to leave. This is taking you back to that notice that
8	when we evacuated.	8	we looked at a while ago.
9	Q. I'll take you back to that, but this is your first time	9	My question is this: what was it that made you
10	when you opened the door. You've smelt irritating	10	decide to leave?
11	smoke.	11	A. That's what my daughter said: "We have to leave." She
12	A. Yes.	12	was insisting that we have to leave now.
13	Q. Do you remember it having an effect on you at that time?	13	Q. Did that notice that we looked at and you told us
14	A. Not really, I just closed the door and went inside and	14	that you read it which told you to stay in your flat
15	talked to my daughter, and then I went again and opened	15	come into your thinking at all?
16	the front door. Then I saw my neighbour Betty on the	16	
			A. No, not at all.
17	landing.	17	Q. You also explain that your husband, Michael, had by now
18	Q. If we go to that second occasion that you've opened your	18	woken up, and before you left the flat, you closed the
19	front door and you meet your neighbour and that's	19	windows and you closed the internal doors.
20	Betty Kasote, isn't it?	20	A. To our bedrooms only.
21	On that second occasion, do you remember seeing	21	Q. So did you leave the sitting room and kitchen door open?
22	smoke on the landing then, on the communal area?	22	A. Yes, we did.
23	A. Not heavy smoke, but you could see that it was like	23	Q. Was there
24	coming slightly foggy.	24	A. We thought that we'll be back in 10 minutes.
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2	A. Oh my goodness, I don't remember exactly what year it	2	Q. Which flat was that that she
3	was.	3	A. That was flat 42.
4	Q. Was it during the refurbishment?	4	Q. When you left the flat that night, do you remember
5	A. Oh, no, that was done before that.	5	seeing a firefighter in the communal area at all?
6	Q. You say the person who fitted the door removed the	6	A. I haven't.
7	mechanism.	7	Q. If I take you forward in your statement to page 5,
8	A. Yes.	8	please, and we just look at paragraph 19. You say:
9	Q. Did you actually see that happening?	9	"19. On the landing on our way our neighbours
10	A. Yes, I have.	10	opposite were outside their flat."
11	Q. Did you ask why that was necessary?	11	Which flat are you referring to here?
12	A. It was just for us to have easy access to open the door.	12	A. 46.
13	Sometimes when I was coming home with shopping, I had	13	Q. What you say at this point and now you're getting
14	difficulties to open the door because they were closing	14	ready to leave completely is that when you left, you
15	on me all the time.	15	describe the smoke at this point as more irritating.
16	Q. So who decided that that should be removed?	16	Did the smoke have any effect on you at that time?
17	A. Well, the man decided that, to make it easy, he will	17	A. Yes, that was on the staircase, which it was more
18	remove it.	18	overpowering that I have to cover my mouth and nose.
19	Q. Had you told him, "I have a problem with this door	19	Q. Did you have to do that once you'd got into the
20	because it shuts on me"?	20	stairwell itself?
21	A. Yes.	21	A. Yes.
22	Q. And then he offered to	22	MR RAWAT: Before we take you to the stairwell, could I just
23	A. That's right.	23	show you two images.
24	Q. Did the person who removed it give you any explanation	24	These, again, Mr Chairman, are photographs which
25	of what that mechanism was for?	25	have been shown to previous witnesses. They're the
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3	Q. Specifically on the night did you hear them?	3	A. It was more on the staircase than in the lobby.
4	A. No, I haven't.	4	Q. You described both conditions as foggy, so was there
5	Q. I just want you to clear up something for me because	5	more fog in the stairwell?
6	Florentyna has made a statement, as you know, to the	6	A. That's right, yes.
7	inquiry.	7	Q. Were the lights on in the stairwell?
8	She said that you told her that you'd noticed that	8	A. Yes, they were.
9	the air vents on the right-hand side by your door had	9	Q. When you got into the stairwell so you've left
10	switched on and you'd never heard this before.	10	floor 7 but you're in the stairwell at floor 7 did
11	So that could mean that it's those vents. Was that	11	you notice any change in temperature between the
12	what you were referring to?	12	communal area and the stairwell?
13	A. No, I was referring to the one outside the building by	13	A. I don't remember. I think it was the same.
14	the main doors, that I heard the ventilation shaft in	14	Q. Did you feel any movement of air on your face at all?
15	there, but probably she assumed that I was talking about	15	A. When we're coming downstairs, yes, I could feel it more
16	the ventilation inside.	16	air coming.
17	Q. And you're quite clear you've never heard a single sound	17	Q. Did you hear the sound of a fan or anything like that?
18	coming out of those grilles before?	18	A. No.
19	A. Not from those, no.	19	Q. What colour was the smoke that you saw?
20	Q. When you left for the stairwell that night so there's	20	A. White.
21	yourself, there's Florentyna and there's your husband	21	Q. Could you tell where it was coming from?
22	did you all leave together?	22	A. No.
23	A. Yes, we did. I came downstairs first, my daughter	23	Q. Again, you've described this smoke as having a chemical
24	followed me and on the end it was my husband.	24	smell.
25	Q. I appreciate he's coming last, but there's a door that	25	Was it the same smell as you'd noticed earlier when
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1	A. It was better. It was better. You could see better and	1	there are one or two questions to go, so we'll let
2	the smell wasn't overpowering.	2	Mr Rawat get on with it.
3	Q. You tell us in your statement that on the way down you	3	Yes, Mr Rawat.
4	passed a lady who was walking slowly.	4	MR RAWAT: Thank you, Mr Chairman.
5	Did you have any difficulty getting past her on the	5	Ms Sobieszczak, thank you for coming back.
6	stairs?	6	Just one small point.
7	A. No, I haven't.	7	Do you remember, just before we had the break,
8	Q. One last point.	8	I showed you a CCTV still in which you identified your
9	You told us in your statement how you left the	9	daughter, Florentyna.
10	tower, but that your daughter, Florentyna, stayed behind	10	Just so that we can be absolutely clear, obviously
11	and was directing people.	11	there are two women shown in that image, and Florentyna
12	Can I just show you an image, please. Again, for	12	is the one who is not wearing the headscarf, isn't she?
13	those who are either watching or in the hearing room,	13	A. Yes, Florentyna is the one who is standing by the
14	this is a CCTV still taken on the night itself, but it	14	staircase.
15	doesn't show anything distressing.	15	Q. In fact, that person has identified herself already
16	Can we have, please, INQ00000435.	16	anyway.
17	If you see in the far right corner of the image	17	Can I just take you back, please, to this noise that
18	there's a young woman in a dressing gown. Is that	18	you heard during the refurbishment.
19	Florentyna, your daughter?	19	I want to show an image which was taken during the
20 21	A. That's my daughter.  MR RAWAT: Thank you.	20 21	refurbishment. Could we have, please, BLA00004531,
22	Mrs Sobieszczak, those are all the questions I have	22	please.  I showed you a photograph which showed us the main
23	-	23	front entrance and the green canopy that we can see in
24	for you.  Mr Chairman, I would have asked for a break in any	24	there.
25	event, but can we have the usual break so that I can use	25	I'm grateful to the representative of PSB, who put
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1	the time also to see if there's any supplementary	1	in this smoke extraction system, for correcting me on
2	questions?	2	this, but the image that I showed you is not vents for
3	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Would it be sensible if we had the	3	a ventilation shaft. But if you see on there, can you
4	usual slightly longer break at this stage?	4	see that there's some scaffolding above the green canopy
5	MR RAWAT: Yes, please.	5	and then we can see some windows, and above, can you see
6	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Mrs Sobieszczak, we'll have a break	6	a grille there?
7	now. Probably you'd quite like a break in any event.	7	A. Yes, I can see.
8	I'm going to ask you in a minute to go with the	8	Q. Where the red dot is now.
9	usher. Please don't talk to anyone about your evidence	9	A. Yes.
10	while you're out of the room.	10	Q. It has been helpfully pointed out to me that that's the
11	We'll come back at 11.20, and we'll see then whether	11	extractor for the ventilation system.
12	there are any more questions for you and take it from	12	A. Oh, okay.
13	there. All right?	13	Q. With that explanation, if I take you back to that time
14	THE WITNESS: All right.	14	when, during the refurbishment, you're hearing this
15	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Thank you very much. Would you like	15	noise, do you remember that being drawn to your
16	to go with the usher.	16	attention?
17	Well, Mr Rawat, we'll say 11.20. That'll give you	17	A. The noise, I thought that it is from the ventilation
18	plenty of time to sort out your questions.	18	above the door, but I could be mistaken and maybe it was
19	MR RAWAT: Thank you.	19	that one.
20	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Right. Thank you very much.	20	Q. But are you clear in your mind that it was a sound that
21	11.20, please.	21	you heard as from outside the building?
22	(11.08 am)	22	A. That's right, on that side exactly. Yes.
23	(A short break)	23	Q. So that we're absolutely clear about your evidence, you
24	(11.20 am)	24	heard that sound when you were outside the building?
25	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: All right, Mrs Sobieszczak, I think	25	A. Yes.
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1	Q. And you also heard a sound from a ventilation system	1	an explanation at a public meeting?
2	when you were on the ground floor by the lift lobby; is	2	A. No. The public meeting, it was in the showroom, one of
3	that right?	3	the flats that it was done already, for residents to see
4	A. Yes, from time to time. It's like, as I said, because	4	what to expect after the refurbishment, the new windows,
5	there was closed space, there was no windows, so they	5	where the central and hot water system would be.
6	put it like ventilation, and the grid, when it was open	6	Q. Can I take you back to page 2 and paragraph 5.
7	and shutting, you could hear the noise it was made.	7	Do you remember I was asking you questions about the
8	Q. Did you actually see it opening and shutting?	8	problems you noticed in the cladding?
9	A. Yes.	9	A. Mm-hm.
10	Q. Was it a grille in the wall or was it above you when you	10	Q. One of the things you mentioned was that the workmen
11	were by the lifts?	11	used an elevator on the outside of the building.
12	A. In the wall I mean on the wall.	12	A. That's correct.
13	Q. But what you never heard was the sound of a system	13	Q. Is it right that they didn't have scaffolding going all
14	operating on your floor?	14	the way up the building, they just used an elevator?
15	A. No.	15	A. That's correct.
16	Q. And you never heard it certainly on the night of the	16	Q. You refer in this statement to the use of black duct
17	fire?	17	tape.
18	A. Definitely not.	18	Did you see someone covering the gap that you
19	Q. Could I just now take you, please, to page 4 of your	19	noticed with black duct tape or did you just see the
20	statement and if we could look at paragraph 13.	20	duct tape there?
21	In this part of your statement, to give it some	21	A. I've just seen it. I haven't seen anybody putting it,
22	context, Mrs Sobieszczak, you're speaking about	22	I just seen it afterwards, that it was covered.
23	statements you've given to the police and you have	23	Q. Once you saw it covered, did you open your kitchen
24	pointed out some corrections.	24	window and have a look at it?
25	-	25	
23	In the police statement you talk about a meeting	23	A. Oh, yes.
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2	the residents. We were always ignored.	2	washed my face, got into my pyjamas, and got into bed.
3	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Right.	3	It was about 12.15am.
4	MR RAWAT: Thank you for that, and can I thank you once	4	"8. A short time later I suddenly heard lots of
5	again for coming to give evidence today. It's been very	5	sirens outside and so I got up. I looked outside my
6	helpful.	6	bedroom window which faced south. I saw a firefighter
7	THE WITNESS: Thank you.	7	rushing around getting a hose pipe connected and I could
8	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Mrs Sobieszczak, I would like to add	8	see thin white smoke emerging from the east side of the
9	my thanks to those of Mr Rawat. It's really important	9	tower.
10	to us to hear about conditions inside the tower at	10	"9. I went to my parents' bedroom to wake them up
11	different levels, at different times, and although it	11	but my mum was already awake and was looking out of
12	can be difficult for people to come and talk about it,	12	their window which faced the same direction as my own.
13	it does help us enormously.	13	We were discussing what was happening when my mum said
14	I'm very grateful indeed to you for coming along to	14	that she could smell smoke and so she went and opened
15	tell us what you saw and heard and smelt and so on.	15	our front door. I remember her saying to me that she
16	That's a really great help. Thank you very much indeed.	16	noticed the air vents on the right hand side by our door
17	THE WITNESS: Thank you.	17	had switched on, and that she had never heard this
18	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Right. Would you like to go with	18	before. I don't remember hearing this myself.
19	the usher now, she'll look after you.	19	"10. As I was standing with my mother at the front
20	THE WITNESS: Thank you.	20	door our neighbours across the landing were in the
21	(The witness withdrew)	21	process of leaving their flats. I think they looked
22	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, Mr Rawat. Now	22	more panicked than we were at that time. We saw another
23	MR RAWAT: Well, Mr Chairman, we have obviously some time	23	neighbour who lived in Flat 41. She came from her flat
24	left and I would like to use that to put some statements	24	and said she was surprised by what was going on. She
25	into the record.	25	said that there was heavy smoke in her flat and she
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1	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, of course.	1	could see flames from her window. I went into her flat
2	FLORENTYNA SOBIESZCZAK (evidence read into the record)	2	and the whole place was full of heavy white smoke. It
3	MR RAWAT: Following on from the evidence that you've just	3	was thick enough for me to realise I needed to cover my
4	heard, the first statement I would like to put into the	4	mouth so I put my robe across my face to stop breathing
5	record now is that of Florentyna Sobieszczak, who is	5	in the smoke. I went to her kitchen window and could
6	Elizabeth's daughter.	6	see flames to the left side that were level with the
7	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.	7	window and were going up. I could tell that the fire
8	MR RAWAT: The reference for that is IWS00000831.	8	was already higher than our floor. It was an utter
9	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, thank you.	9	shock to see flames at the window and I realised then we
10	MR RAWAT: If we go, please, to page 6 of the statement,	10	needed to get out of the building quickly. At that time
11	it's dated 29 June 2018 and signed with a statement of	11	it was about 45 minutes after I had arrived home, I
12	truth.	12	think it was probably at about one o'clock in the
13	There are no exhibits accompanying the statement.	13	morning.
14	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Right.	14	"11. I went back to our flat again to tell my
15	MR RAWAT: In the statement if we go back to page 1,	15	parents that we needed to get ready to leave. I felt
16	please Florentyna explains that she'd lived in	16	that we needed to leave but I was not panicking and did
17	Grenfell Tower for all of her life except for a couple	17	not feel in immediate danger at the time. I knew there
18	of years when she was at university. She finished	18	were firefighters downstairs and thought that they would
19	university in 2014, and in her last year returned to	19	just deal with it. At the time I didn't know the fire
20	live with her parents and stayed living there after	20	was spreading in the way that it was.
21	she'd graduated.	21	"12. I woke my dad who was still sleeping, and soon
22	If I could just turn to her account of the night of	22	after I remember that a fire fighter knocked on our
23	the fire itself, and that begins at page 2 at	23	door. He had no mask or breathing apparatus, and simply
24	paragraph 7.	24	said: 'do you guys want to start coming down?' I was
25	"7. On the night of the fire I had been out with a	25	very calm and thought I should just do what he said. I
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work as cabin crew [redacted] and with my job I think I
went into work mode. We got ready quickly and we left.
It took me only a few moments to get ready to go. I
simply put my robe on and didn't take anything else with
me. I remember looking back just before we left and my
dad was shutting our bedroom doors. He also shut all of
the windows and air vents.
"13 On the way to the way to stairs I realised

13. On the way to the way to stairs I realised that I had seen all of our neighbours except for our neighbours in flat 42 so I banged on their door until they woke up and then I told them there was a fire and they needed to get up. They knew nothing about it and seemed to have just woken up from me banging on their door.

"14. My mum, dad and I then started to go down the stairs. At that stage there was an increasing sense of panic, but I remained calm and think this is probably because of my training at work. We are trained to deal calmly with emergency situations. You could hear people walking and talking. There was smoke in the stairway that was thick enough for people to be covering their mouths. But the smoke was thin enough for me to be able to see the person in front of me and where I was going on the stairs.

"14[sic]. There were people behind us and I could

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statement.

2 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Very well, thank you.

MICHAEL SOBIESZCZAK (evidence read into the record)

4 MR RAWAT: If I can turn now to the statement of

Florentyna's father, Michael Sobieszczak, That

6 statement is at IWS00001111.

> If we go, please, to the last page, the statement is dated 10 August 2018, and it is signed with a statement of truth.

There are no accompanying exhibits to go into the record.

SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: All right, thank you.

13 MR RAWAT: If I could take you, Mr Chairman, back to the 14 first page, please.

> In this statement, Mr Sobieszczak explains at paragraph 3:

"3. Grenfell Tower had been my family's home for 32 years. Originally my wife Elizabeth and I had moved to flat 191, a one bedroom flat. When Florentyna was born in 1991 we became entitled to a larger flat and so we moved to flat 43 on the 7th floor when she was 3 years old."

If I now turn to paragraph 8 on the next page and pick it up with Mr Sobieszczak's recollection of the night of the fire itself.

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near them shuffling but I am not sure now many people	
there were.	
"15. At the bottom of the stairs there were two	
exits to the tower. There was a main exit that people	

used every day that faced south and a secondary exit on the east side facing the leisure centre. I remember as we were reaching the bottom of the stairs I could see burning cladding and metal falling close to the secondary exit and immediately realised that as this was the closest to the stairs it might be people's first choice of route. I realised how dangerous this would be and that others might not have noticed, so when I arrived at the bottom of the stairs I stood for a time facing people coming down and made sure that people used the main exit instead as that route was safer. My parents left the tower while I stayed and did this. I remember shouting that the exit was blocked and that people needed to go the other way. I think I redirected about 30 people before my mum and dad came back inside to grab me. Their faces showed sheer panic, in a way I have never seen before. My dad yelled at me in [redacted] that we needed get out as the tower block was

It begins:

"8. On the day of the fire I was working part time [redacted] until 4pm. I went to bed as usual at about 10 or 11 o'clock.

"9. I was woken up by a commotion between my daughter and wife. It was at about 1:10 am. It was a loud exchange of words. I could hear no noise from outside at that stage. I became more and more alert very quickly. The commotion continued getting louder. I heard them opening the outside door to the corridor.

"10. It's difficult to remember exactly what happened at that stage as I had been sleeping, but I think Florentyna came to tell me that I needed to get up. At this time there was no suggestion that we needed to leave the flat.

"11. Two or three minutes later Florentyna came back and she was very clear and persuasive. She said: 'Daddy we need to get out. Get out now!' I got up and got dressed. I remember two things particularly. First Florentyna being really alert and knocking on doors outside talking to my wife. I put my head outside from the flat out of the front door. I could already smell the smell of smoke. I remember locking our bedroom doors behind us. Florentyna and Elizabeth were already outside the flat. I grabbed my phone and my keys and

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going to collapse. He grabbed me by the hood of the

Mr Chairman, that's all I propose to read from that

robe I was wearing and dragged me out."

1	glasses. I said to myself that it was probably just a	1	MR RAWAT: If I could read some parts of the statement.
2	fire in the rubbish disposal. It never crossed my mind	2	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, thank you.
3	at that point it would be anything more serious.	3	MR RAWAT: If we go back to page 1, please, and paragraph 3.
4	"12. We went straight to the stairs. I'm not sure	4	In paragraph 3, Mr Ho explains that before the fire
5	how we went down but Elizabeth and I were together as we	5	at Grenfell Tower he lived at flat 76, which was on the
6	started going down the stairs. When we opened the door	6	10th floor of the tower.
7	to the stairwell there was a bad smell. It as like a	7	If we move forward to paragraph 11 of the statement,
8	mixture of electrical and plastic smells. I had to	8	please, he has this to say about the refurbishment:
9	cover my mouth and cover my nose with my clothes because	9	"11. After the refurbishment of the Tower in about
10	of the smell. It was an irritating smell in the back of	10	2015/2016 a new front door was fitted to the flat. When
11	the throat.	11	it was first installed the door would automatically
12	"13. On the way down the stairs Florentyna was	12	swing shut, however, after a period of time, I do not
13	ahead. My recollection is that Elizabeth was next to	13	know how long, it would no longer automatically swing
14	me. When we arrived at the bottom of the stairs	14	shut but would stay open until it was physically shut.
15	Florentyna was close to the side exit which led to the	15	I would need to apply force in order to shut it, as it
16	sports centre. I was then horrified to see the	16	was heavy. I do not know if my wife ever asked for it
17	immediate danger of the situation. There were balls of	17	to be fixed, but I did not. I think the door had three
18	fire and flaming debris falling from the building	18	or four hinges on it. The door would shut quite tight;
19	directly where she was standing. I said to Elizabeth	19	there were not any gaps between the door and the
20	that we needed to pull Florentyna back and get out of	20	doorframe."
21	the building straight away. We grabbed Florentyna and I	21	He continues in paragraph 12:
22	could tell that she was beginning to suffer from panic.	22	"12. After the refurbishment of the Tower in about
23	She was disorientated and on high alert. It was such a	23	2015/2016 a new front door was fitted to the flat. When
24	nerve wracking time. I was shocked by the fire balls	24	it was first installed the door would automatically
25	coming down and missing her by inches."	25	swing shut, however, after a period of time, I do not
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1	Mr Chairman, that's all I propose to read from that	1	know how long, it would no longer automatically swing
2	statement.	2	shut but would stay open until it was physically shut.
3	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: All right, thank you very much.	3	I would need to apply force in order to shut it, as it
4	MR RAWAT: I should have added at the beginning that, of	4	was heavy. I do not know if my wife ever asked for it
5	course, as with all the other statements, the statements	5	to be fixed, but I did not. I think the door had three
6	are admitted into the record in their entirety and	6	or four hinges on it. The door would shut quite tight;
7	considered as such as part of the inquiry's evidence.	7	there were not any gaps between the door and the
8	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, and it's right that I should	8	doorframe. I did not pay any attention to whether our
9	also express our thanks to those who took the time and	9	neighbours' front doors automatically shut or not. The
10	trouble to make these statements and, as you say, they	10	front door had a letter box in it which sprung shut
11	will form part of the evidence that will be taken into	11	after a letter was pushed through. This was still
12	consideration.	12	working on the night of the fire.
13	VAN QUANG HO (evidence read into the record)	13	"13. Within the flat we would always leave the door
14	MR RAWAT: Can I now take us back a little bit. You will	14	between the kitchen and the hallway open. We would also
15	remember, Mr Chairman, that we heard evidence from	15	usually leave one of the two windows in the kitchen
16	Mrs Hoang Khanh Quang, and what I would like to do now	16	open, even when we went out, leaving it open a little.
17	is to read into the record the evidence of her former	17	The windows in the kitchen opened outwards, with the
18	husband, Van Quang Ho, who has made a statement as well	18	hinges on the vertical frame so that the gap would be at
19	to the inquiry.	19	the side of the window. There were safety devices on
20	Could I have, please, IWS00000925.	20	the windows so they only opened approximately eight
21	If we go, please, to the last page. I don't think	21	inches. We would only open one of the windows, as the
22	it's accompanied by a statement of truth, but it is	22	fridge was in front of the other window."
23	signed, and each page is signed, and the date of the	23	He goes on in paragraph 15 to say this:
24	statement is 11 June 2018.	24	"15. The extractor fan in the kitchen was above the
25	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.	25	cooker. My wife installed this. The extractor fan had
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1	a pipe which ran out of the window when it was open.	1	coming into the corridor from the open kitchen window,
2	The pipe was about 10cm in diameter. Before my wife	2	but I cannot be sure. We tended to keep the other
3	installed this, there was no extractor fan in the	3	internal doors shut, so I think these would have been
4	kitchen. Before the windows were changed, they used to	4	closed on the night of the fire.
5	open wider, sliding one behind the other, so there was	5	"24. After my wife had called for me she ran back
6	better ventilation than after they were changed. Whilst	6	into her bedroom to get some belongings. When I opened
7	I believe the extractor fan was working on the night of	7	my door I could not see her. After I had grabbed by
8	fire, it was switched off in the evening, as we only	8	keys and mobile phone, I asked where she was. I was
9	used it when we were cooking."	9	stood in front of my bedroom door. I told her to run to
10	If I could turn now to the events of the night	10	save her life. Everything felt confused to me, and I
11	itself and Mr Ho's account of that.	11	was scared. I heard my wife come out of her room,
12	You may recall that Mrs Quang wasn't actually aware	12	although I could not see her due to the smoke. I felt
13	that her former husband was in the flat until she was	13	for her hand and I ran to where the front door was
14	alerted to the fire herself, and he explains in	14	located. Because I could not see the door, I felt
15	paragraph 20 on page 4:	15	around for the door handle. In order to lock the front
16	"20. I got to my flat at about 11pm on the evening	16	door you would lift the door handle up; therefore, In
17	of 13 June 2017. After arriving home, I had a wash and	17	order to open it I pushed the handle down.
18	then went to bed. I think I was in bed by about	18	"25. When I opened the front door I did not see any
19	11.30pm. I slept in the smaller bedroom, and my wife	19	smoke on the landing, there was only smoke behind me. I
20	would sleep in the bigger bedroom. I was asleep when I	20	did not see any fire. I saw firemen on the landing. I
21	was woken by hearing my wife shouting my name and saying	21	cannot be sure, but I think were two or three of them.
22	Fire!' The smoke alarm was also sounding. I do not	22	I think they were male, but I cannot be sure as I could
23	know what time this was as I did not look at a clock or	23	not see them properly due to their protective equipment
24	my phone.	24	which covered their head. I did not see any other
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1	appeared to be fire, in our flat, so we left."	1	years."
2	That's all I propose to read from Mr Ho's statement.	2	Mr Chairman, if I could now go through to page 4 and
3	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Thank you very much.	3	just read some extracts from Lucy's recollection of the
4	LUCY HO (evidence read into the record)	4	events of the night itself. We begin at paragraph 18:
5	MR RAWAT: If I could now turn to the statement of Mrs Quang	5	"18. On 13 June I worked the early shift at
6	and Mr Ho's daughter Lucy Ho, please.	6	[redacted] from 7am to 4pm. I remember feeling unhappy
7	That statement is at IWS00000655.	7	that day for some reason. My mum was also sad; she had
8	The statement, if we go, please, to page 11, carries	8	come back from Vietnam in February 2017 and her homecare
9	a statement of truth. It's dated 30 May 2018 and is	9	client had passed away. She had also been to an
10	signed.	10	interview which had not gone well from her perspective;
11	The statement has two exhibits, Mr Chairman, which	11	I suggested that we both get retail therapy, so we went
12	form part of the same reference, and they are at	12	shopping. I met her at 4.30pm at Shepherd's Bush and we
13	pages 13 to 15.	13	went to Westfield Shopping Centre.
14	If I could take you back to page 1 of the statement,	14	"19. After buying clothes for both of us, we got a
15	please.	15	taxi to Paul's flat. We arrived at Paul's house at
16	In the statement Lucy begins at paragraph 3 by	16	around 7pm. My mum took our shopping bags back to our
17	saying this:	17	flat.
18	"3. I grew up in Grenfell Tower and all of my	18	"20. After arriving at Paul's flat in Barandon
19	childhood memories are from that building and the area	19	Walk, I had dinner with Paul; we had takeaway and
20	that it is in. I went to Grenfell Nursery which was	20	watched TV while eating. I went to bed at 12.30
21	founded by Zoe Dainton's grandmother. I then attended	21	midnight. I was supposed to be working the 1.30pm shift
22	Oxford Gardens Primary School. In year 7, I started	22	at [redacted] the next day.
23	Holland Park Secondary School and remained there until I	23	"14 June 2017
24	began university."	24	"21. At around 1.15am, Paul woke me up and said
25	If we go through to paragraph 6 on the next page,	25	that there is something wrong in the Grenfell Tower
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1	please.	1	area; he said that several fire brigade trucks were
2	Lucy says:	2	outside. I did not think anything of it and told Paul
3	"6. I moved out of my family home in 2013 when I	3	that there was probably a person stuck in the lift at
4	started renting at my uncle's house. Apart from a year	4	Grenfell Tower. I think that he had already seen the
5	studying at Bradford University, this is the only time	5	fire from the window but wanted to wake me up calmly.
6	that I had lived away from Grenfell Tower.	6	With a serious voice, he told me to get dressed and call
7	Approximately a year and a half later, I moved back to	7	my mum; his voice was trembling. He said, 'You need to
8	my mum's house. Between 2015 and 14 June 2017 I lived	8	check on your mum right now'.
9	at both my family home with my mum and at my boyfriend	9	"22. I got up and made my way to the window. I saw
10	Paul Conroy's flat; he lived at [redacted] Barandon	10	a flame reflecting on Treadgold House. I could not see
11	Walk. My sister Jenny Quang lived in our flat with my	11	the Tower but the night was lit up orange from the fire.
12	mum. On the night of the fire, she was in Manchester."	12	We then made our way outside to see what was happening;
13	The statement continues at paragraph 9 as follows:	13	we went through the '300s' inside the block to the side
14	"9. I had many friends that lived in Grenfell	14	of Barandon Walk that leads onto Grenfell Walk and that
15	Tower. My good friend was Mariem Elgwahry. She lived	15	faces Grenfell Tower. We had a fob key that gave us
16	on the 22nd floor in Flat 196. We attended the same	16	easy access to that exit rather than going around. As
17	primary and secondary schools; she was in the same year	17	we walked out of Barandon Walk I could see Grenfell
18	as me at school. She sadly passed away in the fire. My	18	Tower on fire. I was confused and worried; I knew that
19	other friend is Christopher Roncolato. He lived in Flat	19	my mum would have been in there.
20	72 on the same floor as me. He is roughly of similar	20	"23. As I ran out, I could see on my phone that my
21	age to me but we did not attend the same schools.	21	mum had given me three missed calls from her number
22	Another friend is Adam in Flat 73; he went to the same	22	[redacted]. We exited Barandon Walk and stood at a
23	school as me; also Bobby who lived in flat 122. These	23	raised platform just outside the door that is connected
24	were my childhood friends who lived in Grenfell Tower.	24	to Grenfell Tower. I stood there with Paul and three
25	I maintained my friendship with Mariem into our adult	25	other people. The fire was on the same side as our
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1	flat; I was in shock and worried for my mother. My home	1	have been in the building. He does not live with us but
2	was on fire. When I first saw the blaze my initial	2	he pops up now and then unannounced. I rang him and he
3	thought was that this was very serious and that my mom	3	picked up straightway. I asked him where he was and he
4	was likely to be stuck. I was worried as I know she has	4	replied, 'The building is on fire'. I asked him where
5	issues walking. What if she couldn't get down the	5	mum was and he said that she was with him. He passed
6	stairs safely or quickly enough? I was upset as I could	6	the phone to my mum and she told me that they were
7	already see my home on fire and I was very unsettled by	7	outside. I was not sure if she meant outside the flat
8	the extent the fire was already at.	8	but still inside the building, so I kept asking her
9	"24. Just looking at the flames made my stomach	9	questions until I knew for sure that she was outside and
10	turn. I was nervous and shaken. I couldn't think	10	away from the building. I told her not to go anywhere
11	straight or get my head in the right mind frame to	11	near the flat. Her voice was trembling; she was not
12	function for a long time. Paul had to prompt me on what	12	crying but she was unable to speak.
13	I needed to do (call my mom, get out of the flat and	13	"30. I told my mum to go to Paul's house; I wanted
14	find her, possibly we needed to go up to get her). It	14	to make sure that she knew it so I told her to go to the
15	took a while but I just think I was panicking too much.	15	same place where the taxi had dropped her off at 7pm
16	In all honesty I did not think I was the 'panic first'	16	last night.
17	type. I always thought I was mentally strong enough to	17	"31. Paul and I rushed back to Barandon. When we
18	get myself together in situations of distress.	18	reached outside Barandon Walk, I saw my mum and dad
19	"25. I tried to call my mum back while at the	19	outside. My mum had pyjamas and slippers on. My dad
20	platform on her number [redacted] called her 2-3 times	20	did not have any shoes on. We went inside and Paul made
21	but she did not answer. I told Paul that we needed to	21	tea for us all. Paul gave my dad a winter jacket and
22	go up and rescue my mother. 1 thought that she was	22	sandals. It was a cold night so my dad definitely
23	inside. I knew that she would try to escape, but	23	needed the jacket."
24	because of her lack of English she would not call 999	24	If I move now to paragraph 33:
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2	only because she was scared but because I could see what	2	MR RAWAT: Can I now turn to the statement of Lucy's sister,
3	the building was like on the outside. Her life was at	3	Jenny Quang, which is IWS00000766.
4	more risk than I know she had thought. I don't know how	4	If we go, please, to the last page, page 8, there is
5	anyone couldn't be scared of what they saw. It was so	5	a statement of truth. It's dated 25 June 2018 and
6	uncontrollable, so ferocious and spontaneous, you	6	signed.
7	couldn't tell which way the fire would spread and how	7	There are no exhibits accompanying the statement.
8	quickly at first. You just knew it was going up - up to	8	If I go back, please, to page 1 of the statement.
9	where Mariem was.	9	Jenny in her statement explains some background. If
10	"35. I told her that she should leave. I was on	10	I pick it up at paragraph 2:
11	the phone to her for approximately 5 minutes and told	11	"I am 23 years old. I lived on the 10th floor of
12	her that I would call her back and speak to emergency	12	Grenfell Tower in Flat 76 with my mum Hoang Quang and
13	services.	13	sister Lucy Ho. My mum was a council tenant and moved
14	"36. I went outside and saw a fireman. He told me	14	to Grenfell Tower in 1990 before I was born. My dad Van
15	that he could not speak with me and redirected me to a	15	Ho moved out many years ago, but would occasionally stay
16	police officer that was standing there. I spoke to the	16	at our flat.
17	officer and told him that my friend, her mum and around	17	"3. I study medicine at the [redacted] and have two
18	four other people were in flat 205. I felt like he was	18	years remaining of my course. Currently, I am studying
19	only collecting information generally rather than	19	MRes Tissue Engineering for Regenerative Medicine.
20	collecting information to inform the fire brigade. I	20	Apart from my time away at university, I had lived in
21	called Mariem back but she did not answer. I looked up	21	Grenfell Tower all my life before the fire.
22	to the tower and could see that the fire was now on two	22	"4. I attended the day nursery that was located inside the tower. I then attended Oxford Gardens
23	sides."	23	
24	Lucy then talks about the evacuation of	24 25	Primary School. For secondary school I went to St
25	Barandon Walk, and if I could finish with that part of	25	Paul's Girls' School, a private school in Hammersmith.
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2	"37. My step-daughter's mum called Paul to inform	2	until the end of sixth form."
3	him that the police were knocking on doors inside	3	If I could then turn to page 2, please, just to read
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3	28 she sets out how she learnt about the progress of	3	on the night of the fire.
4	the fire through a series of text messages with her	4	I just want to read into the record Ms Nalukwago's
5	sister, Lucy.	5	account of the night itself, and I go to page 2 of this
6	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.	6	statement, paragraph 10, please.
7	MR RAWAT: If we go to the next page, what I just want to	7	If I pick it up at the last part of paragraph 9, the
8	read into the record is paragraph 29. This is sometime	8	last sentence says:
9	after 6.30 on 14 June itself, and Jenny says this:	9	"I went to bed early probably around 8pm."
10	"29. I turned on the television and saw the fire	10	Then it continues an paragraph 10:
11	burning my home. The flames were ferocious and were	11	"10. I do not know what time it was but I was woken
12	bright orange. I burst into tears. My home was burning	12	by what sounded like wind going through the trees
13	and I was away from my family. I felt hopeless and	13	outside. It was quite loud but I thought nothing of it.
14	confused. I realised then that it was all real. I was	14	The kitchen window was open as it was a warm night.
15	initially in denial because of how unbelievable the fire	15	"11. I tried to get back to sleep by pulling my
16	looked so it felt like I was watching a movie. The	16	duvet over my head but the noise was getting louder and
17	whole thing felt appallingly helpless, particularly as	17	stronger. I got out of bed to investigate and went into
18	we had no idea how many people were dead or alive at the	18	the kitchen to close the window. When I went into the
19	time. I felt deeply saddened by the loss of my family	19	kitchen I was horrified to see flames to my left outside
20	home but it feels trivial compared to all the loss of	20	shooting up the side of the building above my head it
21	life and how much this has wounded people in the whole	21	was moving really fast as if petrol was being poured on
22	area. I strongly felt that I needed to come home and	22	it. At this stage the fire was at the next door flat
23	try to repair some of it but also grew more hurt and	23	and not by or in my flat but it was moving towards the
24	angrier about the situation."	24	flat.
25	That's all I propose to read from that statement, if	25	"12. I panicked and looked around for Lillian I
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1	I may.	1	went to her room but she was not there. I then back to
2	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, thank you very much.	2	my room to get my phone. I then looked at my phone and
3	NAGAWA PROSSY NALUKWAGO (evidence read into the record)	3	realised I had lots of missed calls from Lillian. I
4	MR RAWAT: Could I now turn, please, to the statement of	4	called Lillian I was screaming I knew I couldn't use the
5	Nagawa Prossy Nalukwago. Her first statement is	5	lift but I was not sure where the fire stairs were (I
6	IWS00000009.	6	had never used them before), she was trying to tell me
7	If we go, please, to page 6 of the statement,	7	how to get but I didn't understand what she was saying.
8	there's a statement of truth, it's dated 13 March 2018,	8	My brain was not really working I was just scared and in
9	and it's signed.	9	a state of complete panic
10	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.	10	"13. By this time the fire was in the sitting room
11	MR RAWAT: The statement is accompanied by I think four	11	shooting up the window (which had been shut) behind
12	exhibits which are NPN/1 to 4, and they're at pages 7 to	12	where the television was. I hung up the phone to
13	11 of the same statement.	13	Liliian. The fire had two colours a green (which I can
14	We also have a supplementary statement which we	14	still picture vividly in my head) and a 'normal' fire
15	ought to put into the record, and that is at	15	colour of orange. The fire was making a very loud
16	IWS00001118.	16	cracking sound like breaking glass. It was absolutely
17	If we go to the second page of that, that's, again,	17	terrifying. It was eating the television which was in
18	signed with a statement of truth and dated	18	the left hand corner of the living room and was running
19	8 October 2018.	19	across the wall by the window eating the pictures."
20	Ms Nalukwago if we go back to her first statement	20	The statement continues at paragraph 16:
21	IWS0000009, page 1, please explains in her statement	21	"16. I truly believed I was going to die. I wanted
22	that at the time of the fire she was living in flat 71	22	to call my family to say goodbye. I called my 'aunty'
23	on the 10th floor	23	Monica Nakimbugwe. She is not my blood relative but she
24	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.	24	is the mum of my best friend Irene and she is like a
1	MR RAWAT: with the tenant of that flat, Lillian Olwa.	25	mother to me. I told aunty I was going to die in the
25	With the Column of that flat, Estimate Office.		, , ,
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1	flat. I had gone in the kitchen by the window and I	1	stumbled down about two floors. I fell down and saw a
2	told her I was going to jump. She was talking to me	2	fireman coming up. I think I landed on his fire hose.
3	trying to make me calm down. She told me I had to get	3	I do not remember the fireman having any breathing
4	out.	4	equipment on just his helmet. My phone had fallen from
5	"17. I opened the door to the flat, there was no	5	my waistband, its screen was broken; I picked it up.
6	light and it was very dark. As soon as I opened the	6	The fireman told me to 'get out, get out?' The
7	door I was hit by a wall of black smoke. It was hot. I	7	stairwell was light and I do not remember any smoke in
8	couldn't see anything; there was no noise in the lobby.	8	it. I do not remember getting out. I remember complete
9	After I had opened the door the smoke alarm which was on	9	chaos outside, but I do not recall seeing anyone in
10	the ceiling by the door in the flat started to go off.	10	particular. I had lost the duvet somewhere on the
11	I do not know who fitted this fire alarm or how it	11	landing."
12	operated.	12	That's as much as I propose to read from that
13	"18. I recoiled back and quickly shut the door. I	13	statement, Mr Chairman.
14	was still on the phone to my aunty. She told me that I	14	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Thank you.
15	had to try and get out, she was screaming at me	15	ANN CHANCE (evidence read into the record)
16	commanding me. I did not have any clothes on I went	16	MR RAWAT: I think there's one more statement from me to
17	back into my room and put on a leather skirt and a	17	read in at this moment, and that is the statement of
18	striped t-shirt. The fire had by this time eaten a	18	Ann Chance.
19	stool which was to the right of the television and had	19	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Thank you.
20	moved into the living room. She told me to get some wet	20	MR RAWAT: That is IWS00000783.
21	towels and cover up. I had earlier soaked a duvet ready	21	If we go, please, to page 11, the statement is dated
22	to be washed the next day. It was still wet. I went to	22	28 June 2018, it's signed and carries a statement of
23	the bathroom, there was smoke there and elsewhere in the	23	truth.
24	flat but it was not full of smoke	24	There are three exhibits, the joint reference for
25	"19. I put the duvet over me, covering me	25	which is IWS00000782.
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1	completely. I put my phone in my waistband but still	1	Again, I'd like to read an extract from this
2	connected to my aunty. I opened the door from the flat	2	statement, if I may. If I could take us back to page 1
3	to the landing. I could not see a thing. It was	3	on the statement.
4	completely dark with very thick black smoke. I felt	4	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, thank you.
5	like I was sucking in too much smoke, it was choking me.	5	MR RAWAT: Paragraph 2, Ann explains:
6	I stepped forward out of the flat and almost immediately	6	"2. I lived in Flat 73, on the 10th floor of
7	fell over what I thought was a body on the ground. I	7	Grenfell Tower with my mother, two aunts as well as my
8	stood up and moved and almost immediately fell on what	8	cousin."
9	felt like a second body.	9	She continues in paragraph 3:
10	"20. It was horrific I got up and said to aunty 'I	10	"3. I have lived in West London my entire life and
11	am going back to the flat to die' I tried but I did not	11	I have lived in Grenfell Tower since I was 10 months
12	know which way I was going I was very disorientated. I	12	old, it is where I grew up. I have never known any
13	kept crying 'I am going to die' my aunty kept saying	13	other place to be my home."
14	'No, get out'. I fell again over what I thought was a	14	If I turn now, Mr Chairman, just to Ms Chance's
15	body. I totally lost it, I couldn't talk anymore, I had	15	account of the night of the fire itself. That begins at
16	swallowed too much smoke I could hear my aunty screaming	16	page 3, paragraph 23.
17	for help.	17	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.
18	"21. I stumbled around and fell over what I believe	18	MR RAWAT: "23. On Tuesday 13/06/2017, I fell asleep about
19	was another body. I fell lengthways along the body and	19	21:00 hours in my room with my mum whilst we had been
20	felt my head hit something hard. It was a door and it	20	watching television. Earlier that day I had a medical
21	opened slightly with the force of my head hitting it. I	21	appointment and so in the evening I had gone to see a
22	could see a bit of light; it was the fire door exit onto	22	movie, with my mum and two aunts. I returned home with
23	the stairwell. I tried to stand and fell through the	23	my mum and one of my aunts (the mother of my cousin)
24	door. It was light and there was no smoke. I did not	24	around 7pm. My cousin was already in the flat by this
25	see anyone on the stairs. I then literally fell and	25	time. My other aunt had not come back to the flat with
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1 us because she decided to go straight to a nearby tower 1 aunt's bed ... 2 to visit my uncle and her niece. 2 "30. I called the emergency services again at 3 "24. At about 01:00am on Wednesday 14/06/2017, my 3 around 02:28am because the fire started to look like it 4 aunty, who had come home with us, came into my room and 4 was increasing. By this I mean that it looked like it 5 woke us up. She said she could smell smoke and hear 5 was breaking out of the building so it did not seem like 6 noises coming from the landing area outside the flat. I 6 it was contained. I could see dark smoke floating 7 do not recall anything else she said. As soon as I 7 around the fire and going upwards gradually but I do not 8 walked out from my bedroom I remember seeing smoke 8 think it reached as high as our windows at this stage. 9 9 coming from underneath the front door that leads to the I could hear screaming and lots of people shouting, 10 landing area. It was very thin smoke. I do not 10 'fire' and 'get out' from the outside. I think it was 11 remember where exactly under the door that the smoke was at this point that I saw firemen below the tower, just 11 12 coming from. 12 behind the playground, and I think there were perhaps 13 "25. We went to my aunts' room but I cannot be 13 20. They were looking upwards and they seemed to look 14 certain whether this was as a result of advice from 14 helpless, like they were trying to figure out what to 15 emergency services or whether we did this before calling 15 do. 999. However I think it is likely that we would have 16 16 "31. I explained to the operator that I was trying 17 gathered there initially. I do not remember smelling 17 to find out what was going on because we had previously 18 anything when going to my aunt's room or when we were 18 been told to stay put and wait. The operator told me 19 first in there. 19 that if we were able to leave then it was up to us but 20 "26. I know that I felt concerned about what was 20 that their main advice was that we should block the 21 happening and that is why I called emergency services 21 smoke coming up. I told them that we had been doing 22 from my mobile number at around 01:40am. I recall the 22 that but that it was starting to get quite hot inside. 23 operator told me that it was a fire on the 4th floor and 23 They advised me to open a window if I could do so 24 their explanation gave me the impression that it seemed 24 without smoke coming in. 25 like they had it under control. 25 "32. My aunty, mum and cousin made other 999 calls Page 77 Page 79 and possibly to other family members or friends but I do 1 "27. I told them that there was smoke coming up and 1 2 our front door was hot. I am no longer able to describe 2 not know who called who. 3 3 "33. I believe that around this time we made the smoke that I was referring to. I am also not sure 4 4 how I would have known the door was hot other than attempts to leave, maybe once or twice. However I 5 perhaps looking through the spyhole on the door to see 5 recall as soon as we opened the door unbearable heat hit 6 if I could tell what was going on outside. 6 us in the faces and it was impossible to leave. 7 7 "28. I recall that we were worried that we should "34. I think by the time I called an operator for a 8 try to get out. The operator told us that we needed to 8 third time my cousin and my aunt were also calling q 9 stop the smoke coming up and so we should block the door operators. The time of my third call was around 10 with any blankets, clothing or towels. When I asked 10 02:43am. I told the operator that I thought the fire 11 what we should do, they told me that we should stay 11 was coming up higher towards our floor. I do not recall 12 where we were and to wait for somebody to come and get 12 what I saw. They asked me whether there was any way to 13 us. We followed the instruction and covered the door 13 leave the flat but I said that I did not think so 14 14 with towels at the bottom. because the hall was pitch black and we were on the 10th 15 "29. I remember being in my aunt's room and looking 15 floor and I knew that the fire was on the 4th floor 16 out of the window by the long radiator and another 16 below. I was really worried we were trapped in the 17 window alongside on the corner, which looks out on to 17 building by the fire. 18 Latimer Road station. I think it was between 01:40am 18 "35. I explained to them that when we opened the 19 and 2:26am that I looked out of the window and saw fire 19 window there was a lot of smoke coming in. I think by 20 engines outside block. I also think that during this 20 this time the smoke in our flat could have been around 21 time I saw what looked like a tip of an orange flame or 21 the midpoint of my body. This would have been in my 22 a reflection of it from the left side of the building. 22 aunt's room. The operator asked me again whether I 23 23 It looked like it was a few floors below us around could try and get out of my flat and whether it was 24 Flat 22 or Flat 33. I could see this when I was looking 24 possible. I did not know if it was possible because I 25 25 out of the window by the long radiator, next to an did not know where the fire was. I asked what was going Page 78 Page 80

to happen if we tried to get out. They seemed to suggest that we should just go downstairs and they said that this was now their main advice. They told me that we should put wet towels over our heads and faces and try and get out.

"36. I was worried that we would be blocked from

"36. I was worried that we would be blocked from escaping by the fire as all I knew was that it was below where we were. I was scared we might come face to face with it. I asked whether it was clear to get out. I also said there were flames outside. When I think back to this I remember just seeing the flames and thinking they were getting higher, like the fire was spreading to higher floors, in the same area of the building, I was terrified

"37. We attempted again to leave the flat, I am unable to recall exactly how many times. Whenever we tried I do remember that the heat was intolerable when we opened the front door and we could not persevere through it even when we had put wet towels over our heads.

"38. As we remained in the flat, the temperature started to rise and the smoke became worse, causing us to cough. I was scared that we were going to suffocate. It began to seem like there was smoke floating everywhere. Wherever I looked there was smoke. It also

the window by my aunt's bed ...

"42. I remember my aunt and cousin being on the phone to emergency services around the same time and they were being told that they had to evacuate. This was really bewildering and so I told Mitch that I did not understand why he was advising me to stay put but somebody else was telling my aunt to evacuate.

"43. Mitch said if it was safe to evacuate then we should but I told him it was not safe because the door handle was too hot and there was too much smoke. I was really scared the fire was close and that we did not know exactly where it might be throughout the building. He said that if we could safely get to a stairwell then we should. I told him I was worried that the fire could be anywhere in the stairwell. I asked him if he could tell me where the fire was but he was unable to do so.

"44. Around 17 minutes into this call I was aware that another operator was advising my cousin and my aunt, at the same time, that we had to get out and that nobody was coming to get us. Mitch assured me that this was not necessarily the case.

"45. However approximately 20 minutes into the call we tried to leave the flat again but it was just too hot. On this occasion the door seemed to expand. I think it expanded due to the heat and therefore we were

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seemed the smoke was thicker and it was a kind of mid grey colour. My mum was trying to keep us calm and asked us to stay away from the windows. She later told me this is because she believed the flames had reached our floor and that it may spread towards that window.

"39. The intensity of the fire meant I rang 999 again at about 02:57am and spoke to an operator called Mitch. I pleaded for somebody to come and get us. I told him that the door was too hot and that we were suffocating. I asked him where the fire was and he told me it was throughout the building which terrified me.

"40. When I told him the handle was too hot, he asked me if the fire was directly outside my door and I told him that I believed there were flames outside the door. This was because of the intense heat that hit us when we opened the door. He told me to stay in a room that was furthest away from the fire, which I believe we were already doing, and also to stay low with wet towels covering our heads and mouths.

"41. I asked if somebody was coming to get us and Mitch told me they were making efforts to get through. I asked if we were able to use the stairs and he told me that he could pass on my details to the fire service. I believed there was no safe way out other than a window towards the corner of our property. I think this was

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unable to close it properly. I told Mitch that I could not close it. Each of us tried to close it again but none of us could.

"46. I recall that my cousin started to desperately shout out of our window for help. It was the window by my aunt's bed ... I now know this would have been around 29 minutes into my call with Mitch and that he thought shouting for attention was a good idea. I was crying but I was still trying to remain calm.

"47. The smoke was getting worse by this point because it was coming through the front door despite the fact we had so many towels trying to block gaps. I do not think the smoke was thick enough that it affected my visibility of things in the apartment but it was everywhere and a mid grey colour. It was certainly making us all cough more, which is primarily what made me think it was getting worse.

"48. During the call with Mitch I became aware of lots of falling debris. I now know this was about 50 minutes into my call with Mitch. At around the same time I could see water and I thought I could feel jets of water outside the window behind me. This would have been the window by my aunt's bed and the long radiator. I thought at the time that the debris was falling from the impact of the water.

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1	"49. I stopped opening the window because I was	1	"57. I think my mum opened the door to them as she
2	scared of the falling debris but then I did open it a	2	had been trying to hold the door shut once it had
3	tiny bit just so that we had some oxygen coming in. It	3	expanded. I remember we had wet towels over our heads
4	is difficult to recall what the debris looked like but I	4	and each person was partnered with a firefighter.
5	think it was made up of burnt and burning material or	5	"58. All I remember is that as we left the flat it
6	fabric that I could see floating down past the window.	6	looked like there was a wall of firemen between our door
7	It was made up of all different sizes but the biggest	7	and the fire exit. This was in addition to the firemen
8	pieces were around the size of 20cm x 20cm, there were	8	accompanying each of us. I think the only items we all
9	lots of smaller pieces.	9	took were our passports and wallets. I think it was
10	"50. Around an hour into the call I spoke to an	10	between my 1st and 2nd phone call to 999 that I put
11	operator who was on the phone to my cousin. They told	11	these all in my hoodie. This was because I think I
12	me that we had absolutely no other choice but to go and	12	assumed at this point that the only way we would be
13	I told Mitch the same. This operator told us to cover	13	rescued would be via a window. Therefore I did not want
14	our faces with whatever I could and make our way to the	14	to carry anything so I offered to put them all in my
15	stair case.	15	hoodie.
16	"51. I agreed with Mitch that I would put my phone	16	"59. We crossed the landing area to get to the
17	in my pocket whilst we tried to escape. After about 3-4	17	stairwell, it was pitch black other than the firemen's
18	minutes of trying to leave I told Mitch that we were	18	lights that they had on them. It was very hot and we
19	unable to and there was too much smoke and it was too	19	were covered in wet towels so I did not see a lot. As
20	hot. I remember my cousin screaming that it was too	20	we made our way down the stairs, I was nearest to the
21	hot. We had got the wet towels but as soon as we opened	21	rail so I could hold on to the fireman next to me. This
22	it, again, the heat just hit us. It was like nothing I	22	was the same for all of us.
23	have ever experienced.	23	"60. I do not think I have ever run or moved so
24	"52. My cousin and my aunt were hysterical. It	24	quickly in my life. As we ran down the staircase I
25	seemed hopeless. It was so dark and the smoke seemed so	25	remember as we reached each floor, being aware of a
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1	thick. I could not see anything but smoke against a	1	fireman there guiding us down. I do not remember seeing
2	pitch black background in the hallway. I think it was	2	any other fire doors open as we went down, as all I
3	dark thick grey smoke. It was at my face level and	3	really remember seeing were the stairs and firemen. We
4	above but I do not remember looking down or noticing if	4	did not pass any other people on our way down. I do not
5	it was also below.	5	recall seeing, hearing, tasting or hearing anything
6	"53. Around 10 minutes later I told Mitch the smoke	6	during this journey down.
7	was getting worse. I remember the smoke was above my	7	"61. By the time we reached the first or ground
8	head and a lower level of smoke which was more or less	8	floor, the staircase was very wet and we were led out
9	in front of my face. I do not remember exactly how it	9	through the nursery area where the building was
10	might have got worse.	10	completely open and I remember the firemen holding
11	"54. I started to believe that nobody would be	11	shields above our heads to stop falling debris hitting
12	coming to help us. Time seemed to pass very slowly and	12	us. As we ran from the tower I remember stepping on
13	I thought this was it and I was going to die and no one	13	pieces of the floor that must have come from the
14	would come to get us out. My cousin and my aunty were	14	building. I fell over around the same point something
15	very upset as I was, but I was trying my best not to	15	hot fell on me as I ended up with a burn on my left
16	show it.	16	wrist."
17	"55. I remember asking Mitch why nobody was coming	17	Mr Chairman, that's where I wish to end in terms of
18	but he assured me that they were and that they had to	18	reading of that statement.
19	fight the fire to be able to get to us. Whilst I was	19	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Right, thank you very much.
20	aware of jets of water none of the smoke subsided and I	20	MR RAWAT: There is, I think, one more statement that we
		21	would like to put into the record at this stage. If
21	was really scared. I do not recall smells, tastes or		
22	sounds. I was just concentrating on the call with Mitch	22	I could just hand over to Ms Sivakumaran, she will do
22 23	sounds. I was just concentrating on the call with Mitch to help me remain calm.	22 23	that.
22 23 24	sounds. I was just concentrating on the call with Mitch to help me remain calm.  "56. After I had been on the phone to Mitch for	22 23 24	that. SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, all right, thank you.
22 23	sounds. I was just concentrating on the call with Mitch to help me remain calm.	22 23	that.
22 23 24	sounds. I was just concentrating on the call with Mitch to help me remain calm.  "56. After I had been on the phone to Mitch for	22 23 24	that. SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, all right, thank you.

1	MS SIVAKUMARAN: Mr Chairman, I propose to put into the	1	have an extractor fan in the bathroom. I know other
2	record the statement of Mr William Thompson.	2	people in the Tower had problems with their windows but
3	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: All right, thank you.	3	I didn't. I recall one young woman who sadly passed
4	MS SIVAKUMARAN: I understand he is also present today at	4	away on 14 June, Mariem Elgwahry, had raised with me a
5	the inquiry.	5	problem with her windows. There were drafts coming in
6	If we can have reference IWS00000158.	6	through her closed windows and one had also fallen off
7	This is the first page of the statement. It	7	completely. She raised it with me as I was a lead
8	consists of 11 pages. If we can turn to the 11th page,	8	representative of the Grenfell Compact. I intend to
9	you can see it's signed with a statement of truth on	9	provide more detail in relation to this in a later
10	21 May 2018.	10	witness statement."
11	There are five exhibits to this statement, WT/1 to	11	If I can now take you to page 6 of the statement,
12	WT/5, which are from pages 12 to 18 with the same	12	and this is where Mr Thompson addresses his experience
13	reference, IWS00000158.	13	on the night of 14 June 2017.
14	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.	14	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, thank you.
15	MS SIVAKUMARAN: Grateful.	15	MS SIVAKUMARAN: At paragraph 36, he begins:
16	Mr Thompson has been a resident of Grenfell Tower	16	"36. On Tuesday 13 June 2017 at approximately 11.00
17	with his partner, Mary Hanley, and their two daughters	17	pm I was at home with my partner Mary and my daughter
18	since 1997.	18	[redacted]. Laura was not at home as she was at
19	On the night of the fire, Mr Thompson and his	19	university. We also have a dog, Caspar, who escaped the
20	partner, one of their daughters and their dog were	20	fire with us. I did not notice anything out of the
21	present.	21	ordinary in the landing or in my flat and everything was
22	Mr Thompson was also lead representative of the	22	normal before I went to bed at around midnight.
23	Grenfell Compact, and I propose to read some paragraphs	23	"37. I think my bedroom window and a window in the
24	from his statement.	24	lounge were left open when I went to bed.
25	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, thank you.	25	"38. On Wednesday 14th June 2017 at approximately
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1	MC CIVAVIMADAN, ICI	,	100 I 1
1	MS SIVAKUMARAN: If I can refer you first to paragraph 5 on	1	1.00 am I was dozing off, I was awoken to knocking at my
2 3	page 2.	2 3	front door. I got out of bed and answered the door to
4	Firstly, paragraph 5, Mr Thompson says:  "5. The renovation work to Grenfell Tower took	4	Amina's nephew who lived at Flat 51. He said there was a fire and asked if we should evacuate the tower. I did
5	place over the course of about two years. The work was	5	not see any smoke in the landing nor did I hear any
6	done by Rydon and completed around May 2016. The	6	alarms going off. I informed Amina's nephew what was
7	changes made to my flat were the installation of a new	7	written on the placards posted on the lift walls and
8	Heating Interface Unit ('HIU'), pipe work, radiators and	8	that we had been told to remain in our flats in the
9	windows. Two smoke alarms were also installed, one in	9	event of a fire. I told him that according to the
10	the kitchen and one in the hallway. I remember the	10	protocol it was safer to stay in there and that we had
11	London Fire Brigade coming in to my flat to install them	11	been told that if there was a fire in the building it
12	a few years before the fire. They were connected to	12	would be contained within the area where it started.
13	each other. I think the smoke alarm in the kitchen was	13	This seemed to reassure him as he returned to his flat
14	more of a 'detector' as I don't recall it making any	14	and I returned to bed. After approximately five
15	noise, it was the one in the hallways that would go off	15	minutes, I was awoken to louder banging coming from my
16	when we were cooking. If it went off I would have to go	16	front door, I was annoyed, I've got out of bed and
17	to the hallway and press the button on the alarm to turn	17	answered the door to Amina's nephew. As soon as I
18	it off. I think someone checked whether we had smoke	18	opened the front door I saw black smoke drifting into
19	alarms after the refurbishment works were completed but	19	the landing from the lift shaft. I am pretty sure it
20	he just walked in, looked at them and then walked out.	20	was coming out of the bottom of the lift door and also
21	The alarms didn't go off on the night of the fire but	21	coming out of the bottom of the right hand side of that
22	they had gone off before the fire.	22	door.
23	"6. When they installed my windows I had an	23	"39. I have marked the location where this smoke
24	electric extractor fan fitted to the one in the kitchen	24	was coming from as (1) on Exhibit WT/1 and I have also
25	which was still there at the time of the fire. I didn't	25	marked my own location as (2). I have been shown the
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1	fire and smoke descriptors provided by the Inquiry and	1	move more slowly down the stairs as I tried to get past
2	would describe the smoke as between image (A) and image	2	them. I think they were telling us to stand to one side
3	(B). There were still no alarms off.	3	as they came up the stairs.
4	"40. Amina's nephew had a look of concern on his	4	"46. It took us approximately five minutes to reach
5	face and was saying 'We need to get out'. As soon as I	5	the ground floor lobby. As we exited the stairway doors
6	saw the smoke I realised the fire was serious and that	6	and into the lobby, I saw a number of firemen and police
7	we had to get out quickly. When I saw it I had a gut	7	officers coming in through the main entrance doors. To
8	feeling it wasn't right because of the black colour of	8	avoid blocking them, we ran to the side doors and exited
9	it and I remember getting a whiff of it as well. It's	9	the tower at the East side facing the Leisure Centre. I
10	hard to describe the smell but it smelled acrid.	10	couldn't ordinarily enter the building through that
11	"41. Mary and [redacted] were awake and in the flat.	11	entrance as my fob didn't work. But on this occasion we
12	Laura was away at university. I told them what was	12	exited as we didn't need our fobs to get out through
13	going on and that we needed to get out. I've run back	13	this exit.
14	into my bedroom and grabbed my mobile phone and some	14	"47. I have been shown a photograph from a CCTV
15	clothes. Closing the front door behind us, the three of	15	camera which I understand is marked CCTV Camera 2 on the
16	us walked into the landing which was now starting to	16	attached Exhibit WT/3. This image is timed at 1.25am.
17	fill with black smoke. The smoke was definitely up to	17	Before seeing this picture I had estimated my time of
18	the ceiling at this stage so maybe between (B) and (C)	18	exit being about 1.20am so the time I have been shown on
19	on the smoke descriptors. As I went to the door to the	19	the CCTV image is probably about right."
20	stairwell I can't recall whether most of the other doors	20	I would then propose to pick up again at the
21	on my landing were open or shut, the only one I know was	21	following page, page 9, paragraph 50.
22	shut was Eamon's door at Flat 53 because I saw Amina's	22	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.
23	nephew banging on it. Amina told me that her nephew had	23	MS SIVAKUMARAN: Mr Thompson continues that after he exited
24	also alerted all of our neighbours on the 8th floor and	24	the building:
25	we all started to make our way as quickly as we could	25	"50. There were police and firemen directing us
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1	down the stairs. The lights were on in the communal	1	towards the Leisure Centre where a number of people had
2	hallway. I was with Mary, [redacted], Mr and Mrs Patel.	2	congregated. I got to around the green outside the
3	I am pretty sure I also saw Eamon coming down behind me	3	Leisure Centre which I have marked as (1) on Exhibit
4	as well.	4	WT/4.
5	"42. I am fairly sure I opened the door to the	5	"51. My first thought was to call Edward Daffarn
6	emergency stairwell and that before I did that it was	6	who is a good friend of mine. I thought that the way
7	closed. I know that the doors to the stairwell on each	7	the fire was spreading it would reach around to his side
8	floor closed automatically.	8	of the building, the West side. I called him and asked
9	"43. The lights in the stairway were dim but I	9	where he was. He told me he was in his flat. I told
10	could see clearly. They were probably about half as	10	him the building was on fire. I can't remember exactly
11	bright as the lights in my living room. When we first	11	what I said to him but I think it was something like,
12	entered the stairwell it wasn't very busy but it started	12	'Get the fuck out of there Eddie, this place is going up
13	to fill up with residents going down the stairs as we	13	like a tinderbox'. I can't recollect him saying
14	got to the lower floors. I did feel hotter as I got	14	anything in reply.
15	down the stairs but this may have been because of the	15	"52. I don't know how long after that but within a
16	number of people in close proximity or the fact I was	16	short time of me calling him I saw him running towards
17	trying to get down the stairs quickly.	17	me across the Green. He threw his arms around me and
18	"44. I cannot remember seeing any smoke in the	18	I clearly remember his first words were, 'You've saved
19	stairway. There were still no alarms going off.	19	my life man'."
20	"45. As we got to the fourth floor, we came across	20	That is all that I propose to read from the
21	firemen making their way up the stairs. I only saw	21	statement. However, I would note for the record that
22	firemen going up, not any residents. I think the	22	the entire statement is admitted and its contents have
23	firemen were carrying what looked like hose extensions	23	been considered carefully by the inquiry.
24	which were rolled up. They were also wearing full kit	24	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, thank you very much.
25	including breathing equipment. At that stage I had to	25	Well, I would like to thank Mr Thompson and all
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1	those who have made statements because it's really very	1	"15. My first thought was 'I need to get out of
2	valuable to us. It takes a lot of time and energy to	2	here'. I need to evacuate and get downstairs. I opened
3	describe experiences of that kind. It's very helpful,	3	the front door and I was confronted with a thick, dirty,
4	and the statements will form part of the evidence in	4	smoggy smell of smoke. It was dark, there were lights
5	their entirety.	5	on but it was dim. It was like I had woken up into a
6	Thank you all very much.	6	different world. My front door has a lock, when you
7	MS SIVAKUMARAN: Now, Mr Chairman	7	close it you're meant to lock it but 9 times out of 10
8	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Where do we go from here?	8	it locks itself. I tried to leave, I couldn't see where
9	MS SIVAKUMARAN: That concludes the business for the	9	I was going because of the thick smoke, and I tried to
10	morning. However, we would propose to continue reading	10	find the door to the stairs. I opened a door and went
11	in some statements in the afternoon from 2 o'clock, if	11	through and I've gone into the room with the bin chute.
12	that would be convenient.	12	My breath is going, I realise I've got to go back, I
13	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes. So we can break now.	13	think 'shit I've left the keys, I'm locked out'."
14	MS SIVAKUMARAN: Yes.	14	Then he describes how he went back to his flat and
15	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: All right.	15	made a number of calls to the emergency services. The
16	MS SIVAKUMARAN: It's an early break.	16	first one he refers to at paragraph 17.
17	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Slightly early, but I don't suppose	17	At 19 he says:
18	anyone will complain too much.	18	"19. I looked up and I saw the fire had spread
19	We'll stop now and resume at 2 o'clock, then,	19	round and above me, it felt like people were throwing
20	please.	20	things that were on fire. Some of it actually hit me on
21	MS SIVAKUMARAN: I'm grateful.	21	my right hand, it was putrid and stinking. It turned to
22	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: All right, 2 o'clock, then, please.	22	plastic straight away and I could peel it off. It's
23	(12.45 pm)	23	left four or five scars on my hand. I closed the window
24	(The short adjournment)	24	because the air was sucking the fire up."
25	(2.00 pm)	25	Then he describes his second 999 call at
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1	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, Mr Millett.	1	paragraph 21.
2	MR MILLETT: Good afternoon, Mr Chairman.	2	At paragraph 24 onwards, through to paragraph 31, he
3	We continue today's evidence with some reading of	3	describes his exit from his flat. I'll read that into
4	witness statements from bereaved, survivors and	4	the record:
5	residents.	5	"24. I was in the back room and all of a sudden the
6	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, thank you.	6	whole place filled up with smoke in seconds. I was
7	CHRISTOS FAIRBAIRN (evidence read into the record)	7	stuck in the back room because everything else was smoky
8	MR MILLETT: Can I start with the witness statement of	8	and that was kind of safe. The house was filling up
9	Christos Fairbairn. He is of flat 124 on the	9	with smoke. I was talking to the fire brigade and she
10	15th floor. His statement is at IWS00001025.	10	said to wet a towel and put it around me, and get
11	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.	11	something else wet and put it dround me, and get
12	MR MILLETT: With an exhibit CF/1 under IWS00001024, which	12	talking to her on the floor, and then when the whole
13	is a video.	13	house got full up that was it, I had no choice. I made
14	He left the tower at 3.55 am.	14	a run for it.
15	His statement is dated 17 August 2018, and it stands	15	"25. I don't know what happened but everything
16	under a statement of truth at page 9.	16	kicked in. I thought I'm either going to die here, or
17	At page 1 of the statement at paragraph 4, he says:	17	die trying. I've been through a lot and I thought there
18	" I was a resident of 124 Grenfell Tower and I	18	is no way I'm going to die here without trying. It was
19	was at home alone on the night of the fire. I remained	19	just instinct. I made a run for it. I picked up a
20	in my flat until about 3.50am, when smoke filled my	20	t-shirt, I put water on it, I pushed the door and with
21	flat, and I tried to escape."	21	one hand I was feeling my way and with the other I was
22	The account of the fire starts at paragraph 11.	22	covering my face with the t-shirt.
23	At paragraph 13 he begins with a description of	23	"The route to the ground floor.
24	smoke spread into his flat.	24	"26. I went out the door, I couldn't see anything.
25	At paragraph 15, he says:	25	I had to feel my way. It felt like a thick smoke, it
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1	stank, and it was like slow motion, it felt like a film.	1	and then as I got to near what I think was the third
2	The whole atmosphere had changed. I don't remember	2	floor I could see light and water. I think that the
3	there being anything on the floor of the lobby on the	3	floor had flooded. By then the smoke was a bit less,
4	15th floor, I definitely don't remember any hoses on the	4	but I had been breathing in a lot of the carbon monoxide
5	15th floor. I had to push open the door to the	5	and I felt myself fainting — I couldn't feel my arms, it
6	stairwell, it was closed. I think the smoke was the	6	was like I was getting poisoned. I could feel myself
7	same consistency in the flat, it was the amount of it	7	going light, for some reason I felt peaceful. I shouted
8	that changed. I think the smoke was thicker and	8	out 'Help! Help!'"
9	stronger in the stairwell because it was in a confined	9	Then he describes encountering firefighters and
10	place.	10	leaving the building with the assistance of police
11	"27. I was running down the stairs. But it was	11	officers with riot shields, then the medical assistance
12	difficult because of the smoke and everything. I don't	12	that he received.
13	know how I did it. I don't even remember it, it felt	13	Mr Chairman, that's all I think I need to read aloud
14	quick. I was jumping down the stairs, trying to get	14	from his statement.
15	down as quick as I could. The stairs didn't feel right,	15	Of course the entirety of it will stand as evidence
16	it felt cushiony. I thought it was hoses on every floor	16	to the inquiry and be taken into account accordingly.
17	at first. I couldn't see what it was but I remember	17	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.
18	stepping on things that were soft. I started to feel	18	LINA HAMIDE (evidence read into the record)
19	weak as I went down the stairs, I felt kind of happy,	19	MR MILLETT: The next statement I would wish to read into
20	and relief, and nervous.	20	the record is the statement of Lina Hamide. That's
21	"28. I was alone in the stairway, I didn't see or	21	under the reference IWS00001175.
22	hear anyone else. I kept to one side all the time. I	22	She was in flat 74 on the 10th floor and she exited
23	had my hand for my guidance. I needed my breath, I knew	23	at 4.13 am.
24	it was going to be a long trip. I could smell and taste	24	Her statement is dated 18 October 2018, and there's
25	the smoke I can still taste it sometimes. I	25	a signature under a statement of truth at page 11.
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1	couldn't see anything for most of the time in the	1	Picking it up at paragraph 5, she describes the door
2	stairwell. There was a little light on but it did no	2	of this building.
3	good because of the smoke. The smoke was mixed with so	3	She also explains that at the time of the fire she
4	much shit that it made the smoke even cloggier. I think	4	was staying with Meron, a friend, and she's exhibited
5	I might have even had my eyes closed, wincing against	5	a plan of the floor.
6	the smoke.	6	At paragraph 5 she says:
7	"29. I tripped over something on the stairs and	7	"5. The front door had a door handle on the right
8	fell. I fell to the floor on one of the bends and I was	8	and hinges on the left. It opened inwards. It was very
9	low enough to see through the smoke. There was a man	9	difficult to close. I had to slam the door shut, there
10	who looked to me to be Iraqi or Arab, he had a big build	10	was some problem with it so it didn't move smoothly. If
11	and long wet hair. He was lying down on his side. I	11	I didn't close the door it would just start moving as if
12	could tell that he was at least unconscious. He had to	12	it was closing on its own but wouldn't close completely.
13	have come from high up in the Tower. I thought this is	13	I would have to use quite a lot of force to close it.
14	mad, this is crazy. I could not tell you where he was	14	After that it would also be difficult to lock. I would
15	in the Tower, what floor he was on. I was running fast	15	need to lift the door handle up and use a key and it
16	and had no sense of distance or time.	16	would often take about a minute to lock. It was like
17	"30. When you're in that situation, and there's a	17	the key would turn for one rotation but then get stuck
18	lot of smoke — everything is just different. It was	18	and not turn properly so I had to turn it backwards and
19		1	forwards and lift the handle up and down."
17	like I was going through fog. The atmosphere.	19	
20	like I was going through fog. The atmosphere, everything is just different. You've got the smoke,	19 20	_
	everything is just different. You've got the smoke,	20	She describes the night of the fire at paragraph 6
20 21	everything is just different. You've got the smoke, you've got everything — the voices and everything are	20 21	She describes the night of the fire at paragraph 6 and following, and I'll just read parts of that.
20	everything is just different. You've got the smoke, you've got everything — the voices and everything are just different, it was mad. I remember hearing a	20 21 22	She describes the night of the fire at paragraph 6 and following, and I'll just read parts of that.  At paragraph 7 she says:
20 21 22	everything is just different. You've got the smoke, you've got everything — the voices and everything are just different, it was mad. I remember hearing a generator. The smell was potent.	20 21	She describes the night of the fire at paragraph 6 and following, and I'll just read parts of that.  At paragraph 7 she says:  "7. I suddenly awoke to Meron shouting 'Get up
20 21 22 23	everything is just different. You've got the smoke, you've got everything — the voices and everything are just different, it was mad. I remember hearing a generator. The smell was potent.  "31. I got back up and I was feeling weak again. I	20 21 22 23	She describes the night of the fire at paragraph 6 and following, and I'll just read parts of that.  At paragraph 7 she says:
20 21 22 23 24	everything is just different. You've got the smoke, you've got everything — the voices and everything are just different, it was mad. I remember hearing a generator. The smell was potent.  "31. I got back up and I was feeling weak again. I got down as fast as I could, I was dusting and jumping,	20 21 22 23 24	She describes the night of the fire at paragraph 6 and following, and I'll just read parts of that.  At paragraph 7 she says:  "7. I suddenly awoke to Meron shouting 'Get up there is a fire in the building.' She had come into the living room. At first I thought I was still dreaming
20 21 22 23 24	everything is just different. You've got the smoke, you've got everything — the voices and everything are just different, it was mad. I remember hearing a generator. The smell was potent.  "31. I got back up and I was feeling weak again. I	20 21 22 23 24	She describes the night of the fire at paragraph 6 and following, and I'll just read parts of that.  At paragraph 7 she says:  "7. I suddenly awoke to Meron shouting 'Get up there is a fire in the building.' She had come into the

and it felt like I had been asleep for ages. 1 cuts off. I don't remember putting the phone down, I 2 2 "8. I went straight to the kitchen as Meron was think she just hung up on me before answering my 3 shouting 'Help' from the kitchen window. Meron later 3 question." 4 told me that she had her bedroom window open and awoke 4 Then she exhibits the transcript with amendments. 5 to sounds of people shouting outside. 5 Then at 21 she says: "9. I looked at my phone and remember seeing that "21. At one stage in the night me and Meron heard 6 6 7 7 the time was sometime between 1.35am to 1.41am. I knocking which sounded like it was on the front door. I 8 remember being shocked as I thought I had been asleep 8 was on the phone to my cousin Senait at the time and 9 for longer. I either looked at my phone as soon as I 9 disconnected the call because I thought it was the Fire 10 woke up, or after I had got to the kitchen, I can't 10 Brigade. I have always thought this happened at about 11 remember which. 11 2.45am. I have exhibited as LH/7 the screenshots taken 12 "10. After waking up I went to look out of the 12 from my phone of my Whatsapp messages with Senait. 13 kitchen window which faces the children's playground on 13 Senait has also now sent me screenshots from her phone 14 the West side of the Tower and saw a number of people 14 (on Swiss time) of all the calls we had on the night 15 outside the Tower. I couldn't see any police officers, 15 over Whatsapp exhibited as LH/8. I can see there was a 16 firefighters or any other emergency services on that 16 call at 2.38am (recorded at 3.38am on her phone as it is 17 side of the building. I could hear people shouting 'Get 17 on Swiss time) which lasted 2 minutes and 54 seconds. I 18 out! Get out!' I looked out of the window which was 18 believe it was during this call that there was a sound 19 behind the fridge in the kitchen and looked up and to 19 like a knock at the front door and I disconnected the 20 the right. I could see smoke coming from above our 20 call to see who it was, thinking it was the Fire Brigade 21 flat. I don't remember seeing as far as the roof so I 21 who had come to rescue us. We both went up to the front 22 don't think the smoke was coming from there; instead I 22 door and took it in turns to look through the spy hole 23 thought it was coming from a flat above us which I would 23 but couldn't see anything due to the smoke. We were 24 guess to have been around the 20th floor but I can't say 24 shouting 'Who is it, who is it' but got no response, so 25 for certain. I didn't see any fire at this time, just 25 we kept the door closed. The noise went on for some Page 105 Page 107 smoke. I was still half asleep. This all happened 1 time. We saw smoke coming in at the top of the door. I 1 2 before I had called anyone about the fire." 2 don't think the smoke had been coming in through the 3 3 Then she describes various telephone calls in closed door before. At the time, because we couldn't 4 paragraph 11 that Meron made and she made. 4 hear anyone outside and because I could see the smoke 5 Then at 12 she says: 5 coming in at the top of the door, I thought maybe the 6 "12. I think we tried to leave the flat at this 6 door was on fire on the outside; maybe the knocking 7 stage. We decided to look out of the front door and as 7 noise wasn't knocking but the door cracking with the 8 8 Meron opened it I was right behind her. She only opened heat. I then spoke to Senait again, the next call that 9 q it a small amount, but I could see that the landing was she has logged after 2.38am was at 2.59am. 10 filled with thick black smoke and the heat of the smoke 10 "22. Smoke was now starting to come inside the flat 11 hit me straight away. Meron closed the door quickly and 11 through the letterbox and around the edges of the front 12 we went back inside the flat; back to the kitchen. It 12 door. We went to Meron's bedroom, got the mattress and 13 all happened very quickly. then she describes some 13 duvet and placed this up against the door to try and further 999 calls." 14 14 stop the smoke coming in. We also threw water over it 15 At 15, she says: 15 both using a bucket and plastic bottle. Despite this "15. I have listened to a 999 call that is timed at 16 16 the smoke continued to come into the flat and so after 2.00.11 am and was made from my phone. On my own mobile 17 17 3am we decided to stay in the bathroom and put wet 18 phone records it is timed at 1.58:40. I recognise 18 towels down at the bottom of the door. We sat down on 19 19 Meron's voice as being the first person to speak to the the bathroom floor and put wet towels over our heads. 20 operator. Meron says there is smoke coming into the 20 There was loads of water on the bathroom floor. Up to 21 flat and the operator told her to block the doors up. 21 this point we had been spending most of our time going 22 In that call Meron explained that we wanted to leave the 22 between the kitchen and bathroom. I felt safer now 23 flat but the operator told us she couldn't advise us to 23 being in the bathroom with the water and wet towels. I 24 do that. I can hear myself at the end of the call 24 had been constantly using my phone and needed to keep 25 25 asking 'are we gonna be ok with that?' and the line then charging it in the kitchen but stopped doing this as Page 106 Page 108

1	frequently after 3am because of the amount of smoke in	1	door to the stairs which I kicked open.
2	the rest of the flat."	2	"35. The smoke in the stairwell was a little less
3	Then she goes on to describe at paragraph 25	3	than it had been in the area outside our front door but
4	discussion with her friends about going to the windows.	4	it was still difficult for me to breathe or see the
5	She says five lines down, picking it up there:	5	stairs. In fact I stopped because I could not see
6	"The burning debris was generally about the size of	6	stairs around my feet and didn't know exactly where they
7	a closed fist. It was very windy outside and I felt	7	were. My eyes were burning. I caught sight of what
8	really hot; I felt the fire was getting closer. I think	8	turned out to be two fire fighters who were on the
9	this happened at 3.55am as I remember looking at the	9	stairwell just above us. The two fire fighters came
10	time on my phone.	10	down to us and then started to lead us quickly down the
11	"26. After shutting the window I was asking my	11	stairs. I turned to look behind me but couldn't see
12	friends, who were outside, whether the fire was on our	12	Meron. One firefighter wanted me to go downstairs with
13	side of the building, but I didn't feel like I was	13	him but I was shouting 'my cousin is there as well'. I
14	getting the full facts from them; they were trying to	14	told him I wasn't going to leave without her. I think I
15	protect us and not worry or scare us. However, they	15	only shouted this for a few seconds or so before Meron
16	were adamant that we needed to leave and not wait to be	16	appeared at the door and I heard her say she was there.
17	rescued. I was being quite forceful with them to tell	17	"36. I went downstairs with a firefighter walking
18	me what was going on with the building, in the end it	18	alongside me and helping me along but I can't recall if
19	was my friend Ililta who eventually told me that yes the	19	he was actually physically holding me. He wasn't
20	fire was all on our side as well."	20	carrying me at first but after going down about 2 floors
21	Then at paragraph 33, she describes her exit, and	21	I fell to the ground completely exhausted and struggling
22	I'll just read 33 to 36:	22	to breathe. I felt one of the fire fighters lift me up
23	"33. At this point I really thought we had no	23	from the ground and then place me over his shoulder
24	chance. I didn't believe we would be rescued and after	24	before carrying me down the remaining floors to the
25	trying and failing three times I didn't think we would	25	ground level. During this time I had my eyes closed, so
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1	ever be able to make it out on our own. After going	1	I couldn't see anything around me and I had no control
2	back inside the flat, I spoke again with Ililta's	2	of my body but I was still just about conscious."
3	boyfriend Musie, who I told that we had no chance to	3	Then she describes her experience at the ground
4	leave. I have looked at my phone records and believe	4	floor and then what happened after that.
5	this was at 4.03am. I wanted to call my family, I	5	She has a number of exhibits to that statement that
6	thought it would be my last conversation with them. I	6	I should also refer to formally, LH/1 to LH/8, and those
7	said I couldn't do it but Musie urged me to try to leave	7	are at IWS00001177.
8	again and I told Meron that we needed to leave otherwise	8	Like all statements that we read, Mr Chairman, her
9	we were going to die in the flat. I thought if we were	9	statement will again stand in its entirety as evidence
10	going to die we would die somewhere else in the building	10	in the record and be taken into account in full.
11	and not in that flat. I picked my passport up from the	11	DANIEL GRIFFIN (evidence read into the record)
12	living room and we then left the front door. One reason	12	MR MILLETT: The next statement that I would wish to read
13	I wanted my passport was so that people could identify	13	into the record is the statement of Daniel Griffin,
14	me if I died trying to escape. I was determined on this	14	IWS00000173, and that number includes, DG/1, 2, 3, 6, 7,
15	occasion that we would not be returning to the flat.	15	8 and 9. There is also DG/4 and DG/5, which are
16	"34. I led Meron out of the flat at first. I felt	16	respectively IWS00000174 and IWS00000175.
17	she was right behind me. I wanted to feel my way by	17	The statement is dated 12 May 2018 and there's
18	touching the walls but they were burning hot so I didn't	18	a statement of truth on page 9.
19	actually touch them on my way around. I walked around a	19	Mr Griffin lived in flat 39 on the 6th floor and
20	box or cupboard in the hallway which had doors which	20	exited at 01.16.
21	were locked. This is located opposite the lifts and in	21	He deals at paragraph 8 to 16 with numerous fire
22	between the rubbish chute door and the door to the	22	safety issues, smoke and fire alarms.
23	stairs. I had seen the doors to that cupboard locked	23	At paragraph 16 and 17 he deals with the new front
24	before and didn't have a key so never knew what was in	24	doors.
25	there. After walking around that cupboard I got to the	25	At 16, he says this:
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1	"16. My front door was one of the new doors	1	message on the screen. The other lift arrived quite
2	installed in recent years. It was made of PVC and did	2	promptly and I was able to exit the building in this
3	not automatically shut. To shut it, you would have to	3	way. The lift did not stop on any floor on the way down
4	physically pull it to, turn the handle upward and then	4	and I was alone in the lift. The light was on in the
5	lock it with a key. I think but am not sure that it had	5	lift and there was no smoke inside it.
6	two hinges. I remember there was a mastic seal around	6	"50. I know from my work as a decorator that in
7	the doorframe. The door also had a letterbox."	7	case of a fire, all lifts are supposed to be programmed
8	Then at paragraph 20 he deals with the windows, and	8	to automatically go straight down to the ground level
9	he says he had no issues with those.	9	and cut out. I think this is supposed to be connected
10	At 26 and 27 he deals with the lifts.	10 11	to the fire safety system. In this case this obviously
11 12	And then the night of the fire at paragraphs 44 and	12	did not happen.  "51. At no stage from the moment I woke up until I
13	following, and at paragraphs 45 to 52 is a detailed account of the fire and his own self-evacuation.	13	left the building did I hear any smoke or fire alarm.
13	He explains his evacuation from paragraph 47	14	"52. I think I probably left the building between
15	onwards, having made the decision to leave.	15	1.10 and 1.15am."
16	He says:	16	He explains he has been shown a still image from his
17	"47. I closed the bedroom window, went to the	17	CCTV showing him leaving at 1.16 am, which he says
18	living area to get dressed, got dressed, grabbed my	18	corresponds with his own recollection.
19	wallet, my phone and my keys. My phone initially fell	19	That statement again will stand in its entirety in
20	to the ground and its screen cracked. I picked it up	20	the record and be taken into account in full as all the
21	and left the flat pulling the door closed behind me. I	21	others.
22	was wearing a T-shirt, jeans and a pair of trainers.	22	KERRY O'HARA (evidence read into the record)
23	"48. On the landing I noticed there was smoke	23	MR MILLETT: The penultimate statement that I would wish to
24	coming out through a grille on one of the risers, which	24	read into the record today, Mr Chairman, is that for
25	are air vents in the walls between the lifts and the	25	Kerry O'Hara.
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1	stairwell on each landing. Each of the two opposite	1	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, thank you.
2	walls has two risers, with grilles at waist height. I	2	MR MILLETT: That is under IWS00000991.
3	have marked the risers as Numbers 3a and 3b on the plan	3	It has no exhibits.
4	of the landing at DG/2. The smoke was coming through	4	It's dated 27 July 2018, and there's a statement of
5	the grille closest to me, Number 3a, as I left the flat.	5	truth on page 3.
6	There was not much smoke and I could see and breathe OK.	6	Kerry was a resident of flat 34 on the 6th floor of
7	I have been shown a table and illustration with smoke	0	recity was a resident of that 54 off the oth floor of
0	That's occir shown a table and mastration with shioke	7	Grenfell Tower at the time and was the sole occupant.
8	descriptors provided by the Inquiry and I would say the		
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1	me in the window, they said 'jump!' as well. There was	1	building. I think they were going to try to go back
2	a fire officer who looked up at me and we met each	2	in."
3	other's eyes, and he said 'Stay put. We'll get to you	3	For completeness, Mr Chairman, she says at
4	eventually'. This was all happening at the same time.	4	paragraph 14:
5	"8. I realised that it was a fire when I saw the	5	"14. I assumed that Rosie had died in the fire.
6	fire brigade, and I knew it was serious. I became	6	However, approximately two months after the fire, Rosie
7	hysterical, screaming, and going back and forth to the	7	was found by a member of the public on the streets near
8	window shouting 'Help me! Help me!'. At first, I had	8	Grenfell and brought back to me. I do not know how she
9	an idea to get a wet towel and put my cat Rosie in it,	9	survived."
10	but I quickly became hysterical and I forgot to do this.	10	On that happy note, that witness statement will
11	"9. When I did calmed down a little bit later, I	11	stand as evidence in the record and be taken into
12	ran to the hallway and put on my sandals, a pink jacket	12 13	account in its entirety.  SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Of course.
13	and my thermal pyjamas. I got a wet flannel from the	14	PAUL MENACER (evidence read into the record)
14	bathroom which I used to cover my mouth. Rosie was	15	MR MILLETT: Finally, Mr Chairman, I would wish to read into
15 16	sitting on the sofa looking at me as I went to the door and opened it. It was pitch black and full of smoke.	16	the record the witness statement of Paul Menacer, which
17	This would have been about 1.30 am although I didn't	17	is IWS00001031, and that includes exhibits PM/1
18	look at a clock.	18	and PM/2.
19	"10. There was no smoke in my flat throughout the	19	It's dated 17 August 2018 and it stands under
20	time that I was in there, until I opened my door to	20	a statement of truth at page 11, although in fact the
21	leave. I had a smoke alarm in my flat which was	21	signature itself is also on page 12 of the statement.
22	working. It was not going off until I opened my door	22	He lived at flat 33 on the 6th floor of
23	and smoke must have come in which then activated the	23	Grenfell Tower, and exited the building at 1.44 am.
24	smoke alarm. I had a heat detector in the kitchen which	24	At paragraph 4, I'd like just to read what he says
25	didn't go off. There was an alarm in the landing on the	25	about who he knew. He says:
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1	ceiling but this was not going off while I was there.	1	"4. I knew some of the Grenfell Tower residents,
2	There was no lighting in the landing and it was pitch	2	including those who sadly passed away. I used to play
3	black. There was no alarm or lighting in the stairwell	3	football with Yasin Wahabi, who I now know lived at flat
4	and this also was pitch black.	4	182 on the 206 floor. Raymond Moses Bernard, who I am
5	"11. I made my way to the stairs and made my way	5	now aware resided at flat 201 on the 23rd floor, was
6	down the stairwell shouting 'Help me' and 'I'm here'.	6	best friends with my Uncle, Rafik Menacer, My friend
7	There was thick black smoke on every floor down from my	7	Farhad Neda's dad, Mohamed Neda, who I now know lived in
8	floor, until I got to the second floor where there was	8	flat 205 on the 23rd floor, also died. I used to see
9	much less smoke. I met a fire officer on the second	9	Steve Power with his three dogs that he used to walk his
10	floor and also my friends Sharon and Kenny. Sharon	10	dogs in the green area outside the Tower. I also
11	lives on the fifth floor and Kenny was a friend who I	11	remember that I helped Rania Ibrahim with her shopping
12	presume was visiting her. I don't know Sharon or	12	in the lift, because she also had two kids with her."
13	Kenny's surnames. Sharon and Kenny assisted the	13	He explains in paragraph 5 that his qualification is
14	firefighter to take me down the stairs. The firefighter	14	as a health and safety officer and he had a job in that
15	went in front of me and held my hand and Sharon and	15	role.
16	Kenny helped me down the steps from behind.	16	At paragraph 12, he says, under the heading
17	"12. The firefighter handed me over to another	17	"Grenfell Tower" which starts the previous page:
18	firefighter in the lobby and I think he said 'Here's	18	"12. There were also some changes made to the flat.
19	another one'. The second firefighter then took me to an	19	I remember that the windows were replaced with ones that
20	ambulance which was by the leisure centre. There were	20	were double glazed. This made a difference. Before
21	lots of ambulances and fire engines. Generally there	21	this, you could hear a lot of train noise, after they
22	was a lot of commotion, noise, screaming and crying.	22	were changed, there was less noise. I do not think that
23	The paramedics gave me oxygen and told me I had to stay	23	they were installed properly as there was still a
24 25	sitting down. Sharon and Kenny came over and Sharon	24	draught coming through them. In the winter it was quiet
/ )	gazia ma a bija, than thair turnad and man baal, tarran 1-41-		
23	gave me a hug, then they turned and ran back towards the	25	cold. Sometimes I would put a towel, or a sheet to stop
23	gave me a hug, then they turned and ran back towards the Page 118	25	Page 120

1	the drought. I payor had the time to complain to the	1	5mm I want and sat on my had. I was confused. I was
1 2	the draught. I never had the time to complain to the TMO about the windows."	2	5mm, I went and sat on my bed. I was confused. I was thinking maybe it was kitchen or flat fire; it shouldn't
3		3	be too much problem. I was not too scared or anxious.
4	At paragraph 17 he also says that there was ventilation from the bin chute, and at 19 he explains	4	I thought that the Fire Brigade would be able to control
5	that his door had an open and closing mechanism at the	5	the situation. I had no idea how bad the fire was at
6	top which did not work.	6	that time. I now realise this is because I was on the
7	He covers fire safety at Grenfell Tower from	7	South West side of the building and the fire started on
8	paragraphs 24 through to 34, and at paragraphs 37	8	the North East.
9	onwards his experiences of the night of the fire.	9	"42. However, something in my head said that I need
10	We can pick it up at paragraph 37, and I'll read to	10	to get out. Everyone was screaming, and I wanted to see
11	paragraph 50.	11	first-hand what was happening. I put my shoes on and
12	He says:	12	then I went to front door. I put my fleece on and
13	"37. I am a deep sleeper. I was woken up to the	13	covered my nose and mouth with it. I could see quite
14	sound of screaming. When I was interviewed by the	14	clearly in the flat. My phone battery was dead, but I
15	police, I guessed that the time was approximately 2am as	15	picked it up before I left. I thought I charged it
16	I did not know the exact time. My phone was dead on the	16	overnight, but I did not.
17	night as I did not put it on charge properly. I now	17	"43. My instincts people [sic] told me to knock on
18	know that I am seen on CCTV exiting the Tower at around	18	people's doors. I started banging on my neighbour's
19	1.45am so I think I must have heard these screams at	19	doors and shouted, 'there's smoke inside the corridor'
20	about 1:30am.	20	'you need to get out'. No one answered their door. On
21	"38. My window was opened that night, so I heard	21	my floor, there were six flats. I knocked on every
22	people from the walkway screaming 'don't jump, don't	22	door, but no one opened. The corridor was empty. I
23	jump, stay in your flat' 'help is coming'. I recognised	23	could not hear anything. I could only hear the echo
24	one of the voices as Samuel Wordy. I looked outside my	24	from my shouting. By this point was coughing quiet a
25	window I could see a group of people down below; at that	25	lot, I thought that I just needed to get out.
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3	ran past them and then got to the bottom of stairwell	3	Exhibit RD/5 is reference IWS00000093.
4	and came out of the building. There was no smoke in the	4	Exhibit RD/6 is IWS00000092.
5	2nd floor landing.	5	Exhibit RD/7 is IWS00000100.
6	"49. I was tired. It took me 10/15 minutes to get	6	Exhibit RD/8 is IWS00000103.
7	down the stairs. I came down the stairs and then came	7	Exhibit RD/9 is IWS00000101.
8	out of the building from the side entrance; this is the	8	Exhibit RD/10 is IWS00000098.
9	east side of the building.	9	So those are the 10 exhibits to that statement.
10	"50. I never heard any fire alarms at any point	10	Ms Dedrich was present on the night of the fire and
11	whilst exiting the Tower."	11	I would turn to paragraph 35 of her statement, where she
12	Mr Chairman, that is all I think I need to read into	12	sets out her account of what happened. This is on
13	the record specifically from Mr Menacer's statement.	13	page 8 of er statement.
14	Like the others, it will stand in its entirety as	14	On that night, the early hours of 14 June, she said
15	evidence in the record and be taken into consideration	15	she heard screaming from a neighbour and checked through
16	accordingly.	16	the spyhole of the front door and could not see
17	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Thank you very much.	17	anything.
18	As with earlier statements, it's right that I should	18	We can pick up the account at paragraph 35, where
19	express our gratitude to those who have taken the time	19	she says:
20	and trouble to make them, and confirm that they will	20	"35. I put my shoes on got my school bag, a jacket,
21	form part of the evidence before the inquiry and will be	21	a banana and a bottle of water [redacted] and opened my
22	taken into account accordingly, as you say.	22	front door. I was shocked because everything was black,
23	MR MILLETT: Yes, thank you very much, Mr Chairman.	23	in the space of a few minutes it went from normal to
24	There are some further statements which will be read	24	dense black smoke. It was like it was a whole different
25	into the record now by Ms Sivakumaran.	25	floor. I thought the fire was on my floor and I thought
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1	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.	1	'Oh my God! I am going to die.' Then I shut the door
2	MR MILLETT: I shall now hand over to her.	2	and stepped back into my flat, Some smoke had entered
3	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Thank you very much.	3	the flat from opening the door. I said to myself 'No I
4	Yes, Ms Sivakumaran.	4	deed to get out,' then I went back outside and let the
5	REEM DEDRICH (evidence read into the record)	5	door shut by itself. I could not hear any ventilation
6	MS SIVAKUMARAN: Yes.	6	system.
7	Mr Chairman, first I'll begin with two statements	7	"36. I could not hear anything, there may have been
8	from floor 15.	8	noise but in my head, it was just silent. I could not
9	There's the statement of Ms Reem Dedrich, who was	9	see anything as the lights were now off and it was dark.
10	a neighbour of Christos Fairbairn, who Mr Millett has	10	I could smell the smoke and a burnt plastic kind of
11	just read into the record, and Mr Atmani and Ms Ali that	11	smell, it smelt like a barbecue. I could taste a weird
12	you heard evidence from this last Monday, 5 November.	12	plastic taste. The next day when I smelt my t-shirt it
13	If I could admit, first, the reference to the	13	smelt like it had been on a barbecue, This was so even
14	record. Ms Dedrich's statement is reference	14	though 1 had been on the landing outside my flat for
15	IWS00000102.	15	around 3 seconds. The smoke was thick and just
16	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.	16	grey/black. It was strange that there was no light in
17	MS SIVAKUMARAN: It consists of 19 pages, and if we can turn	17	the landing. Even though before when I looked through
18	to the last page, we can see that it's signed on	18	the peep hole I saw the light was on. I do not remember
19	a statement of truth is signed on 11 May 2018.	19	if it was hot as I could not feel anything. I felt numb
20 21	We ask that that statement is admitted into the	20	due to the shock I was in at the time.
22	record.  There's also 10 exhibits that go with this	21 22	"37. I could not breathe and I could not see. I
23	statement.	22 23	knew I needed to go to the fire escape, I could see the
24	IWS00000097 is RD/1.	23	light from the inside of the fire escape peeping through the glass on the door. The fire door was shut, I pushed
25	RD/2 is IWS0000095.	25	it open and ran down the stairs. I saw a man walking,
23	12/2 10 1 11 0000000/0.	23	n open and ran down the states. I saw a man watking,
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1	down as well but we did not speak. The stairs were	1	I propose to pick up her account in her statement
2	normal, it was as if it was a different building. There	2	from paragraph 8 on page 2.
3	was no smoke or anything unusual in there. I could not	3	This was her account of what took place on the night
4	feel anything. I could not even feel my bag which was	4	of 14 June.
5	very heavy as it had my books in there. I could not	5	"8. On the night of the fire, Sied and I had
6	even feel the railings. I was just focused on running.	6	returned home late, at approximately 12.30am.
7	"38. I got around halfway down, maybe the 711'	7	[Redacted] we were out [redacted] with Sied's family.
8	floor and I saw two firemen coming up the stairs. They	8	Sied and I prayed and watched TV, after which I went to
9	suddenly stopped and looked at me as if they were	9	our bedroom to sleep. It was only because Sied was
10	shocked. They did not speak to me or assist me. They	10	awake when the fire began to spread at around lam that
11	had all the masks on. They stopped walking and simply	11	we were able to act so quickly and save our lives.
12		12	"9. At around 1.10-1.15am, Sied heard noises that
	watched me. I just went past them and carried on		
13	running downstairs.	13	sounded like thunder and lightning very close to the
14	"39. I also saw another man that looked like he was	14	window. The thought that it might be the sound of
15	in his fifties and was using crutches. I did not speak	15	spreading fire passed through his mind, but he initially
16	to him nor did he speak to me. I do not remember which	16	rejected that possibility as he had not heard any fire
17	floor I saw him on.	17	engine sirens. As the sounds and vibrations became
18	"40. At the bottom of the staircase I came across a	18	louder he became increasingly concerned and approached
19	family of five people: two of them looked to be around	19	the living room window to look for fire engines.
20	my age and three of them were much older, maybe around	20	Looking down, he caught sight of vast flames engulfing
21	60/70 years old. The younger two were helping the older	21	the building from below. Terrified, he ran to the
22	three. I said, 'Come this way,' as they appeared to be	22	bedroom to wake me up. We went back to the window to
23	in a panic and they followed. There was no smoke in the	23	look again, then left the flat immediately and ran
24	stairwell at this point.	24	towards the stairs.
25	"41. I do not know how long it took me to get all	25	"10. When we reached the fire door exit we ran into
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1	the way downstairs. I ran down the stairs and would	1	a fire officer on the other side, who told us to return
2	jump the last 2 steps.	2	to our flat. I was appalled and shouted at him,
3	"42. I do not know why people did not get out as	3	questioning why we were being told to go back when the
4	there was no smoke in the staircase."	4	fire was coming up. The fire officer reiterated his
5	I note for the record that Ms Dedrich exited at	5	instructions but we refused to return to the flat and
6	01.33 on 14 June, and although she was in the tower by	6	instead ran past him down the stairs. As we reached the
7	herself that night, she did live with her mother at the	7	9th or 10th floor, the smoke became suddenly heavier.
8	time.	8	Wee struggled to breathe and to see ahead down the
9	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Right, thank you.	9	stairs but we managed to make it to the ground floor,
10	NADIA YOUSEF (evidence read into the record)	10	with the guidance of one fire officer who pointed us in
11	MS SIVAKUMARAN: The next statement that I would propose to	11	the correct direction down. On the 3rd floor, we passed
12	read into the record of that of Nadia Yousef. She is	12	two elderly men who were unable to move quickly enough
13	also a resident who was living in flat 121 on the	13	to overtake the spreading flames. We believe these
14	15th floor and was also a neighbour of Ms Dedrich.	14	residents to be dead.
15	The reference is IWS000000338.	15	
16	It consists of four pages, and if we can turn to the	16	"11. It was about 1.30am when we managed to escape
17	fourth page, we can see that it's signed with	17	the building. At this time there were still a number of
18	a statement of truth on 22 May 2018.		people watching in horror from the ground, before the
19	•	18	crowds were asked to back away at around 2am. In the
	I would ask that that is admitted into the record.	19	half an hour that we remained on the ground directly
20	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.  MS SIVAVI MARANI: For the record, there are no authibite.	20	under the building, we watched helplessly as fellow
21	MS SIVAKUMARAN: For the record, there are no exhibits.	21	residents tried and failed to escape the flames."
22	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Right, thank you.	22	That's all I propose to read from that section.
23	MS SIVAKUMARAN: Ms Yousef and her fiancee, Sied Bayam,	23	I just pick up the final paragraph, 19, and this is
24	lived in flat 121. Mr Bayam had moved in to live with	24	on the fourth page.
25	Ms Yousef in March 2014.	25	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, very well.
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1	MS SIVAKUMARAN: "19. We particularly wish to comment on	1	be a door there but I had removed this a few years after
2	our experiences of fire safety in the building, which	2	purchasing the lease. This meant that there were three
3	gave rise to very grave concerns. Our fire alarms had	3	windows in a line on the east side and two windows on
4	been reported as non-functioning and indeed two days	4	the north side of the room. The flames were immediately
5	before the fire we were subject to a purported fire	5	visible in the windows as I walked back into the living
6	safety which must, if conducted properly, have	6	room.
7	established that our fire alarms were not working."	7	"10. At the moment I first saw the flames I was not
8	That is what I propose to read from the statement of	8	overly worried, and did not think that the fire would
9	Ms Yousef.	9	come into our flat because the previous fires had been
10	There are also a number of statements from other	10	so close to our flat but had not affected us. I thought
11	residents from floor 8 of Grenfell Tower. You heard	11	that this fire would be the same and there would be no
12	this morning from the statement of Mr Thompson, and	12	problem.
13	I will now read from statements of his neighbours on the	13	"11. My windows were all closed that night. I went
14	same floor.	14	across to the kitchen window and noticed that light
15	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.	15	smoke was coming through the vent in the window. At
16	MS SIVAKUMARAN: I will not read the entirety of each	16	first it was a grey colour and not that dense. As I
17	statement, of course, but relevant passages.	17	watched the flames suddenly shot up covering the whole
18	SHANTILAL PATEL (evidence read into the record)	18	of the window and also the middle window.
19	MS SIVAKUMARAN: The first statement I propose to read from	19	"12. Heavier smoke started coming into the kitchen
20	is that of Shantilal Patel. The reference for that	20	through the vent and I realised that the fire was just
21	statement is IWS00000798.	21	underneath our flat. Even then though, I thought that
22	This is a statement that consists of six pages, and	22	the flames would not make it into the flat.
23	turning to the sixth page, we can see that it's signed	23	"13. I moved closer to the window and thought for a
24	on 28 June 2018, with a statement of truth.	24	moment that I could possibly block the vent and stop the
25	I ask that that is admitted into the record.	25	smoke from coming in. I looked down out of the window
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1	There are no exhibits.	1	and I think the people watching from down below could
2	I would propose to pick up Mr Patel's account of the	2	see me and they were waving to warn or alert me, but I
3	events on 14 June from page 2, paragraph 7.	3	am not sure. I quickly realised it was not going to be
4	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.	4	possible to block the vent and so I moved back, out of
5	MS SIVAKUMARAN: If I may actually take that back.	5	the room and into the passage. As I watched the vent
6	Mr Patel lived in flat 56 this is at paragraph 2,	6	simply fell into the kitchen and thick black smoke
7	I apologise, I skipped ahead from this section on the	7	started to pour in to the flat. The extractor fan was
8	8th floor with his wife and his son, Chiraag, who was	8	made from ordinary plastic, and it just melted under the
9	born in 1986. Chiraag did not live in the tower at the	9	heat. The smoke that came in was very dense and was
10	time but was visiting that night.	10	coming in through the gap where the vent had been very
11	Returning to page 2, paragraph 7, he says:	11	quickly, as if it was shooting in from a hose. It
12	"7. On the night of the fire Chiraag was staying in	12	quickly filled the kitchen and moved across the room. I
13	our flat. Chiraag was sleeping in our spare bedroom.	13	was terrified. That was when I realised how serious it
14	"8. That evening I was watching TV. My wife and	14	was and that we had to get out immediately, and I ran
15	Chiraag had both gone to bed but I was watching the BBC	15	back to tell my wife and Chiraga that we had to leave.
16	news channel as I usually do. At about ten past one I	16	"14. I went to tell my wife first and told her she
17	smelt something burning so I got up and looked out of	17	needed to get dressed, and then I shouted for Chiraag to
18	the living room window. There was a fire engine	18	get ready quickly. I put my jeans on over my pyjamas
19	flashing its lights downstairs, but I couldn't see any	19	and grabbed a jumper. My wife and Chiraag left the flat
20	fire. I went to wake up my wife and Chiraag. After	20	bare footed and I went back to shut the kitchen and
21	shaking both of them awake I returned to the living room	21	living room doors. By now the flames covered the entire
22	and saw flames in the middle window, just below the	22	windows in the kitchen area.
23	window level.	23	"15. The lights suddenly went out and I wondered if
24	"9. My living room and kitchen are combined and I	24	the fire brigade had turned them off. I had two smoke
25	do not have a sliding door between them. There used to	25	alarms in the hallway that were installed during the
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1	refurbishment and both of these were going off, making a	1	CHIRAAG PATEL (evidence read into the record)
2	lot of noise. The place was in darkness and I was	2	MS SIVAKUMARAN: There's also the statement of
3	feeling very edgy because I couldn't see anything. I	3	Chiraag Patel, Mr Shantilal Patel's son, which I will
4	knew that I needed the car keys because my wife was bare	4	read into the record.
5	footed. Chiraag was holding the front door and was	5	The reference for that statement is IWS00000855.
6	shouting, 'Get out!' I was fumbling for the	6	That statement consists of seven pages, and, if we
7	keys because I couldn't see anything. I had a	7	turn to the seventh page, we can see it's signed on
8	handkerchief over my mouth which I had taken from my	8	28 June 2018.
9	jeans pocket. I grabbed some shoes from the shoe rack	9	There are no exhibits to that statement, and I would
10	and started fumbling for the keys. There was no time to	10	ask that that is admitted into the record.
11	grab a wallet or phone and so everything else was left	11	On the first page, at paragraph 4, you will note
12	in the flat. I found the keys on my desk where I had	12	that Chiraag Patel says he lived in Grenfell Tower for
13	left them and left quickly.	13	more or less his whole life, for at least 30 years, and
14	"16. While I was still inside fetching the keys,	14	he was born after his parents had moved into
15	Chiraag was banging on the door and was getting worried.	15	Grenfell Tower.
16	He thought that I might have fainted. I didn't realise	16	If I can turn to page 2, it picks up his account
17	that I was taking a long time. I think it could only	17	from 14 June. He says that he can't remember anything
18	have been a minute or two.	18	about the day of the fire, just the night. It was
19	"17. The lobby outside the flat was light, but some	19	a Wednesday and he thinks it was probably quite a normal
20	smoke was starting to come into the area. There was	20	day, and he stayed with his parents.
21	some hazy smoke that was grey, but it was possible to	21	I pick it up from paragraph 7, he says:
22	see around the lobby. We could see through it and were	22	"7. In the evening I went to bed as normal. By
23	not completely blinded. I shut the front door to our	23	about 1 am when I was not yet fully asleep my father
24	flat as soon as I left and that stopped the smoke coming	24	woke me up shouting from the door, telling me that I
25	in from our flat.	25	needed to get up. I immediately noticed a light smoke
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1	"18. In the lobby area I had seen several of our	1	in the air and became aware of a lot of low level
2	neighbours. I saw Will and his family, and also saw	2	background noise from outside the flat. I think some of
3	Amina's nephew, Khalid. He had been banging on people's	3	the neighbours were up already and banging.
4	doors to wake them up.	4	"8. I stayed in bed for a moment trying to figure
5	"19. I don't know if the lifts were working but I	5	out what was going on. The smoke was in my room, it was
6	knew that even if they were we weren't supposed to use	6	the sort of smoke that you might get if you burn
7	them when there was a fire in the building. There was	7	something in the kitchen. There was enough of it to
8	no alarm outside the flat.	8	obscure your vision. The bedroom door and the door to
9	"20. By now my wife and Chiraag had already started	9	the hallway were half open. I could see more smoke
10	going downstairs. I immediately went to the stairs and	10	travelling from outside the room into it.
11	opened the door. The door to the stairway was	11	"9. I was in my pyjamas and so I put on a T-shirt
12	self-closing but there was light smoke on the stairs. I	12	and some tracksuit bottoms and left the room. The
13	think it was grey and quite thin. There were other	13	kitchen door was closed but the door had panes of glass
14	people on the stairs, but I don't remember who they were	14	in-laid and so is semi-translucent. Beyond the door I
15	and I didn't pay much attention as I was watching my	15	could see bright red light, brighter than anything I
16	steps carefully as I walked down. People were moving	16	have ever seen before. I now know that it was the fire
17	quite quickly. I think it took about ten or fifteen	17	outside the building but at the time I thought that the
18	minutes from first seeing the everything was such a	18	kitchen must have been on fire because it was so bright.
19	shock. On the way down I wasn't aware of how many	19	"10. My mum was at her bedroom door. I said to her
20	people were coming, I just saw my neighbours ahead of me	20	that we needed to leave and we began to move towards the
21	and was watching my feet because I had no shoes on. The	21	entrance together. As I walked towards the door the
22	police statement has a photograph showing that I left at	22	smoke started filling our flat. It was almost like
23	01:24:43."	23	there was a gust of wind that brought it through. It
24	I propose to stop there in that statement.	24	got darker and darker very quickly, in just the time it
25	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, very well, thank you.	25	took us to travel the short distance along the hallway.
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1	It was really noticeable how quickly it happened. It	1	That's what I propose to read from that statement.
2	was almost like a different type of smoke as well, a	2	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, very well, thank you.
3	completely different consistency to that before.	3	KHALID AHMED (evidence read into the record)
4	"11. By the time I got to the door, I could barely	4	MS SIVAKUMARAN: I will now read into the record the
5	see my mum behind me, even though she was just a metre	5	statement of Khalid Ahmed, who is the neighbour you have
6	away. It was completely black by that time.	6	heard has been referred to already.
7	"12. When we got to the front door, I opened the	7	The reference for that statement is IWS00000859.
8	door and we left the flat. I stood just outside the	8	This statement consists of seven pages and, on the
9	entrance holding the door open, waiting for my father	9	seventh page, we can see that it is signed on
10	who I knew must still be inside. The smoke was pushing	10	27 June 2018 with a statement of truth.
11	through, into me and past, like a gust of wind. It was	11	I would ask that that statement is admitted into the
12	blowing into my face and I couldn't help but inhale. It	12	record, and it has no exhibits.
13	burnt my eyes and my throat, but was not so hot that it	13	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.
14	hurt my skin. It was actually quite hard to keep the	14	MS SIVAKUMARAN: I would read from several passages.
15	door open because of the impact of the smoke, but I knew	15	Before I do so, I would note that Mr Ahmed was
16	that my father was still inside. I was worried about	16	staying with his aunt, Amina Mohammed, since 2014 in
17	him. The smoke was having such a big effect on me.	17	Grenfell Tower.
18	"13. My mother was behind me and a few of our	18	I turn then to page 2, and Mr Ahmed notes from
19	neighbours were quite close. It took maybe 30 seconds	19	paragraph 6:
20	for my dad to appear. I don't know what he was doing,	20	"6. I realised I could smell something which told
21	maybe closing doors. He appeared with a towel over his	21	me that it might have been burning in the kitchen. I
22	face and then went back into the flat momentarily to get	22	was playing Fifa and I remember that I was really
23	his car keys, which were close by. When he came out	23	frustrated to leave the game as I was winning, but I
24	again, I moved back and he tried to close the door, but	24	wanted to make sure that I had not left anything on in
25	for some reason couldn't close it properly.	25	the kitchen. As soon as I stood up to find out more, I
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1	"14. On the landing I could tell that smoke was	1	saw lights out of the window. When I looked out I could
2	only coming from our flat. Once we had managed to close	2	just see the cladding on the side of the building
3	the front door, there was no smoke any more; it was no	3	burning.
4	longer a problem.	4	"7. I looked out of the window and down the side of
5	"15. We started making our way down the stairs. A	5	the tower. There was a ledge in the cladding outside
6	few of our neighbours were also already out. In the	6	the window but I could still see down the side of the
7	hallway we saw Khalid and his aunt, and also William and	7	tower and could see that the corner of the building was
8	his family. In the centre, on the landings and in the	8	on fire. I could see sparks from the fire and some
9	stair well, there was hardly any smoke.	9	smoke. It was much lower down than our flat, perhaps on
10	"16. As we began going down the stairs I was still	10	the third, forth or fifth floor, but I could see that
11	coughing and it still felt like my throat was burning.	11	something was going on.
12	On the stairs there were people I recognised but not	12	"8. I stood there for a second and thought about
13	people that I knew. There were maybe four or five	13	the situation. Normally I would not be concerned about
14	people ahead of us.	14	a fire in the tower, and I was not too worried this time
15	"17. On the way down I saw two firemen. One was on	15 16	but I had a feeling that something was different this
16 17	one of the lower floors holding the fire door open; the other was coming up the stairs. The one coming up the	17	time because the fire came out of the window and the side of the building was on fire. Because of this I
18	stairs was fully suited up. They weren't panicking, and	18	though that there was a chance it could be a serious
19	in fact gave me the impression that they had it all	19	fire and so I went to wake my Aunt and ask her what to
20	under control.	20	do. When she woke up I told her that I thought there
21	"18. We carried on down all the way to the bottom.	21	was a fire downstairs. She came straight to the living
22	There were more people running out ahead of us. My mum	22	room window and saw what was going on and said that we
23		23	should get our stuff and leave. It must have been 3
	was closest to me. I was in the lover, where there is a		
24	was closest to me. I was in the foyer, where there is a side entrance, and noticed that the fire door at the	1	
	side entrance, and noticed that the fire door at the	24 25	minutes between me first seeing the fire and her saying we should leave.
24		24	minutes between me first seeing the fire and her saying

1	"9. My Aunt went to get her phone and her clothes,	1	possible to see the person in front of you but the
2	and then got ready to leave. I wasn't wearing many	2	coughing it caused made it impossible to breath.
3	clothes at that stage. I had shorts on and just put	3	"14. I just turned to my aunt, who said that she
4	tracksuit bottoms on.	4	wanted to leave so we went to the stairs. My aunt went
5	"10. There was no smoke in the flat. I put on my	5	first. Behind her there was an old lady and her
6	shoes, we were in the hallway and I put on my shoe	6	daughter with a child, I followed them. The child was
7	against the wall. I remember that my Aunt told me off.	7	young and she was frightened and was shaking and having
8	It was something that I did which left a mark quite	8	difficulty walking. I let her go ahead, but she was
9	regularly and she didn't like it. I mention this	9	frantic. At one stage my Aunt couldn't see me and
10	because it shows me that we were not panicking at all at	10	thought that I was going back up. She said, 'Come down.
11	that time. We thought it would just be an, easily	11	Come now!' But I was walking with the old lady.
12	containable fire and that we were not in danger. The	12	"15. As I let the old lady pass me, I saw a fireman
13	only thing that was on my mind was that the fire was	13	who was going up the stairs. I saw two or three others
14	coming out of the window as I said before and that this	14	after that. They weren't panicked. They were just
15	was strange. When we left we shut the door. We thought	15	getting on with the job. As soon as I saw them I was
16	that we would be returning to the flat later that night.	16	happy as I thought they would put the fire out. I can't
17	We closed everything as normal and left.	17	remember what they were carrying."
18	"11. I went out into the corridor, and stood there	18	That's what I propose to read from that statement.
19	for second. I realised it was very quiet and very late	19	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: All right, thank you very much.
20	and that everyone would be asleep. I looked at the	20	AMINA MOHAMMED (evidence read into the record)
21	lifts and saw that they were out of service. I thought	21	MS SIVAKUMARAN: There's also the statement of
22	about the fact that the fire was only on our side of the	22	Amina Mohammed, Mr Khalid Ahmed's aunt that you've heard
23	building. I could see this when I looked out of the	23	reference to, and the reference for that is IWS00000857.
24	window earlier. I decided that I should just see if our	24	This statement consists of five pages and, if we can
25	neighbours were there and if so tell them about the fire	25	turn to the fifth page, we can see that it's signed on
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1	because I thought they wouldn't know about it otherwise,	1	27 June 2018 with a statement of truth.
1 2	because I thought they wouldn't know about it otherwise, so I started knocking on people's doors. I banged on	1 2	27 June 2018 with a statement of truth. I'd ask that that is admitted into the record.
2	so I started knocking on people's doors. I banged on	2	I'd ask that that is admitted into the record.  There are no exhibits to this statement.  SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: All right, thank you.
2 3	so I started knocking on people's doors. I banged on Willie's door first, he lived in flat 52. Willie's wife	2 3	I'd ask that that is admitted into the record.  There are no exhibits to this statement.
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4	not say anything to us. Because the firemen were there,	4	ok. However, she did not pick up her phone and so I
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6	stairs and had to go down in single file. By the time	6	sick and was shaking as I was imagining the worst and
7	we entered the stairs, there were quite a few people on	7	that they had not make it out of the fire.
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9	down. It was a very strange experience as people	9	mobile phones. Their phones would just keep ringing,
10	clearly had just got out of bed so many people like us	10	but nobody would answer. I kept calling over and over
11	were in their nightclothes, such people were just in	11	again. Then I called my brother who lives in Peckham.
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13	"23. I do not know how long it took us to get down	13	me on my mobile. I got through to him and he was able
14	the stairs, possibly five to ten minutes. I have been	14	to tell me my sister, her husband and kids were all safe
15	informed by the police that there is footage of us	15	as he had picked them up from the Tower already and they
16	walking across the downstairs reception area at about	16	were all at his home recovering.
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