

<p>1 Wednesday, 14 November 2018</p> <p>2 (10.00 am)</p> <p>3 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen,</p> <p>4 welcome to today's hearing, at which we are going to</p> <p>5 hear evidence from a witness who was concerned with</p> <p>6 dealing with the gas supply to the tower on the night in</p> <p>7 question.</p> <p>8 MS GRANGE: Yes, good morning, Mr Chairman.</p> <p>9 Yes, could I ask that Mr Jason Allday is brought in,</p> <p>10 please.</p> <p>11 JASON ALLDAY (sworn)</p> <p>12 Questions by MS GRANGE</p> <p>13 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Thank you very much, Mr Allday. Sit</p> <p>14 down and make yourself comfortable there.</p> <p>15 Yes, Ms Grange.</p> <p>16 MS GRANGE: Thank you very much for attending today to give</p> <p>17 evidence. It's very much appreciated.</p> <p>18 If you have any difficulty understanding anything</p> <p>19 I'm asking in the course of my questions, please ask me</p> <p>20 to repeat the question or put it in a different way, and</p> <p>21 if you feel you need a break at any point, please let us</p> <p>22 know.</p> <p>23 A. Okay.</p> <p>24 Q. Also, just try and keep your voice up so that the</p> <p>25 transcribers can hear you clearly.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 1</p>	<p>1 MET00012914. That's a map of the local area and the gas</p> <p>2 mains that supply the tower. We'll come back to that</p> <p>3 map in due course in your evidence.</p> <p>4 Also, there are exhibits to your second statement,</p> <p>5 that's JMA/1, maps of the area and gas mains,</p> <p>6 CAD00003015; JMA/2, that's e-mails and attached maps,</p> <p>7 that's CAD00003017; and then JMA/3 to JMA/5 inclusive,</p> <p>8 they're maps relating to some gas governors in the area,</p> <p>9 that's CAD00003012, CAD00003016 and CAD00003014.</p> <p>10 I've listed all those out so that they are formally</p> <p>11 added to the record.</p> <p>12 So I want to start, then, with Cadent's operations.</p> <p>13 You work for Cadent Gas Limited; is that right?</p> <p>14 A. I do, yes.</p> <p>15 Q. You were part of their emergency response and repair</p> <p>16 team who attended Grenfell Tower during the fire on</p> <p>17 14 June.</p> <p>18 A. That's correct.</p> <p>19 Q. Can you confirm that Cadent is a gas transporter, and</p> <p>20 that means that it owns and operates certain national</p> <p>21 gas networks?</p> <p>22 A. That's correct, yes.</p> <p>23 Q. In particular, does that mean that it owns and operates</p> <p>24 the gas pipes and the apparatus that supplies the gas?</p> <p>25 A. That's correct.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 3</p>
<p>1 A. Okay.</p> <p>2 Q. Thank you.</p> <p>3 So can you give the inquiry your full name.</p> <p>4 A. It's Jason Matthew Allday.</p> <p>5 Q. You've made two witness statements. Can I please take</p> <p>6 you to them. They're in the folder on your desk in</p> <p>7 front of you and they will appear on the screen.</p> <p>8 The first is dated 6 November 2017, and that's</p> <p>9 MET00012710. That's at the first tab in the folder in</p> <p>10 front of you.</p> <p>11 The second is dated 6 November 2018. The reference</p> <p>12 is CAD00003018. That should be in the third tab in the</p> <p>13 folder in front of you, the pink tab.</p> <p>14 Can I check, have you read each of those statements</p> <p>15 recently?</p> <p>16 A. I have, yes.</p> <p>17 Q. Can you confirm that the contents of both are true?</p> <p>18 A. They are, yes.</p> <p>19 Q. Have you discussed those statements or your evidence</p> <p>20 with anybody before coming today?</p> <p>21 A. I haven't, no.</p> <p>22 Q. Thank you.</p> <p>23 You also have the following exhibits which I'm now</p> <p>24 just going to read into the record.</p> <p>25 Exhibit JMA/1 to your first statement, that's</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 2</p>	<p>1 Q. Is it right that Cadent used to be called National Grid?</p> <p>2 A. It did, yes.</p> <p>3 Q. Is it also right that there are a number of different</p> <p>4 gas distributor networks covering different regions in</p> <p>5 England, Wales and Scotland, and that Cadent operates</p> <p>6 the gas distribution network for north London?</p> <p>7 A. That's correct.</p> <p>8 Q. Is it right that Cadent also operates something called</p> <p>9 the gas emergency call centre?</p> <p>10 A. We do, yes.</p> <p>11 Q. Does that mean that Cadent receives all the calls from</p> <p>12 anyone in the UK that need help with the gas supply?</p> <p>13 A. That's correct.</p> <p>14 Q. In terms of your own experience, is it right that in</p> <p>15 around 1997 you joined the National Grid as a gas</p> <p>16 engineer?</p> <p>17 A. That's correct.</p> <p>18 Q. And since then, you've worked on gas networks for around</p> <p>19 20 years, mostly as a repair engineer; is that correct?</p> <p>20 A. Mostly in repair, yes. I've done replacement work as</p> <p>21 well, but mostly in repair.</p> <p>22 Q. Can you explain briefly what your role as a repair</p> <p>23 engineer typically involves?</p> <p>24 A. So network engineer for repair, that involves looking</p> <p>25 after an area in West London, which is Fulham, which</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 4</p>

<p>1 covers the west of London.</p> <p>2 I have three network supervisors which report to me</p> <p>3 who each have nine to ten repair teams which then report</p> <p>4 to them. We basically respond to gas leaks which are</p> <p>5 reported by the public. So we attend, excavate, replace</p> <p>6 or fix the leaks which have been reported.</p> <p>7 Q. So you're effectively repairing gas pipes and then</p> <p>8 shutting off the supply where you need to?</p> <p>9 A. Correct, yes.</p> <p>10 Q. You have explained in your statement that shortly before</p> <p>11 the fire you attended some training with the Fire</p> <p>12 Service College about how to manage an incident on site;</p> <p>13 is that correct?</p> <p>14 A. I did, yes.</p> <p>15 Q. Can you just tell us a little bit more about what that</p> <p>16 course involved?</p> <p>17 A. So the course involved working in scenarios with the</p> <p>18 Fire Brigade, police, ambulance, so you went through</p> <p>19 scenarios of attending incidents.</p> <p>20 So it could be a building collapse, it could be</p> <p>21 a crash where they've crashed into some apparatus with</p> <p>22 gas, a major leak. So we work with the Fire Brigade,</p> <p>23 how to work alongside them, how to introduce, how to get</p> <p>24 involved with their communications, who to be kept</p> <p>25 informed and how to sort of like manage the works on</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 5</p>	<p>1 to get to so you can agree on a plan of work. Because</p> <p>2 normally they're dealing with other much bigger things</p> <p>3 at the scene, we're dealing with just isolating the gas,</p> <p>4 so it's obviously understanding what they need you to do</p> <p>5 and when they need you to do it.</p> <p>6 Q. Can you recall roughly when you did that training, how</p> <p>7 long before the fire at Grenfell?</p> <p>8 A. It was a few months, a couple of months beforehand,</p> <p>9 quite recent.</p> <p>10 Q. Just moving on, then, to your role at Cadent.</p> <p>11 So you're in the operations team at Cadent; is that</p> <p>12 right?</p> <p>13 A. I am, yes.</p> <p>14 Q. You've explained that the operations team has two</p> <p>15 branches: first, it has an emergency response branch,</p> <p>16 and then it has a repair branch; is that correct?</p> <p>17 A. Yes.</p> <p>18 Q. On 14 June, your job title was a network engineer in the</p> <p>19 repair branch, the second branch; is that correct?</p> <p>20 A. That's correct.</p> <p>21 Q. So if there was a gas emergency, was it your team that</p> <p>22 was called first?</p> <p>23 A. Normally any gas emergency would be for the FCOs to go</p> <p>24 out first. They would go there as the first responder</p> <p>25 for Cadent. They would then classify if it would be on</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 7</p>
<p>1 a big incident.</p> <p>2 Q. So it was about working with other agencies in that kind</p> <p>3 of incident?</p> <p>4 A. Absolutely, yes.</p> <p>5 Q. You say in your statement that you think this put you in</p> <p>6 a strong position and helped you understand what your</p> <p>7 role was as a category 2 responder in an incident like</p> <p>8 Grenfell; is that right?</p> <p>9 A. It did, yeah, because when you turn up to something like</p> <p>10 that, there's so many fire engines, ambulance, police,</p> <p>11 you know, you've got a job to do there as well, so you</p> <p>12 need to learn how to communicate with them, understand</p> <p>13 what they want you to do, and also it's about taking</p> <p>14 notes and making evidence of your key decisions, what</p> <p>15 you did and why you did them and when you did them.</p> <p>16 Q. Were there any particular things that stood out for you</p> <p>17 about communication with the LFB in an incident like</p> <p>18 that?</p> <p>19 A. For Grenfell?</p> <p>20 Q. Based on your training at the college, were there any</p> <p>21 particular things about communicating with the LFB that</p> <p>22 you learned?</p> <p>23 A. Yes, to obviously get there, be assertive with them,</p> <p>24 make sure they understand who you are, what you're there</p> <p>25 for, so that they can help you to get to where you need</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 6</p>	<p>1 internal pipework, external pipework. If it was on</p> <p>2 internal, they could isolate the pipe and make it safe,</p> <p>3 and obviously the customers would have to deal with</p> <p>4 their internal pipework. But if it's external, which is</p> <p>5 Cadent's pipe which we transport and maintain, they will</p> <p>6 call for a repair team for us to go out and attend to</p> <p>7 the leak.</p> <p>8 Q. So you talked about an FCO there. Is it right that</p> <p>9 that's a first call operative?</p> <p>10 A. Yes.</p> <p>11 Q. So that's somebody from the emergency response that goes</p> <p>12 out.</p> <p>13 A. That's correct, yes.</p> <p>14 Q. As you say, they inspect the situation and work out if</p> <p>15 they can make the situation safe.</p> <p>16 A. That's correct.</p> <p>17 Q. Is it right that they only work inside a building, they</p> <p>18 don't do anything external?</p> <p>19 A. Well, they still have to carry out activities outside to</p> <p>20 identify whether the leak is coming from outside or</p> <p>21 inside, but they don't actually carry out any physical</p> <p>22 repair works, they just do their – it's an Ofgem</p> <p>23 survey. They do a survey to establish whether it's</p> <p>24 inside, outside, and whether the leak needs to be</p> <p>25 attended to.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 8</p>

<p>1 Q. So if the mains need shutting off, is that your team?</p> <p>2 A. It would be repair, yes.</p> <p>3 Q. On the night of the fire, can we just establish who was</p> <p>4 the FCO, the first call operative?</p> <p>5 A. Jason Knightley was the first one to be called to the</p> <p>6 tower.</p> <p>7 Q. Turning back to your role, you're what's called</p> <p>8 a level 7 engineer in repair. Is that a senior</p> <p>9 operations role?</p> <p>10 A. It's a management role. So, as I say, I have network</p> <p>11 supervisors who report to me, and then they have teams</p> <p>12 which report into them. But then I report up to my</p> <p>13 band C manager, who then reports up again to a band B</p> <p>14 manager, so ...</p> <p>15 Q. So you report to someone called the head of operations?</p> <p>16 A. I report to a network manager.</p> <p>17 Q. Right.</p> <p>18 A. And then the network manager reports to the head of</p> <p>19 operations.</p> <p>20 Q. I see.</p> <p>21 On the night of the fire, the network manager, who</p> <p>22 was that?</p> <p>23 A. Tony Day.</p> <p>24 Q. Can you just explain the difference between your role</p> <p>25 and Mr Day's role?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 9</p>	<p>1 teams and the network supervisor would be there to look</p> <p>2 after the teams, support the teams, anything they need,</p> <p>3 make sure that their performance is up to speed and make</p> <p>4 sure anything that they need, they would support them</p> <p>5 like that.</p> <p>6 Q. So, as you say, there are repair teams that report in to</p> <p>7 Mr Milam, and is it right that, like emergency teams,</p> <p>8 those repair teams are on call overnight?</p> <p>9 A. Yes, they do a call-out shift as well, yes.</p> <p>10 Q. So they deal with situations which are beyond the scope</p> <p>11 of an emergency FCO, an emergency first call operative?</p> <p>12 A. Sorry, say that again.</p> <p>13 Q. Those repair teams, they deal with situations which are</p> <p>14 beyond the remit of an FCO?</p> <p>15 A. Yes, they're different. They take out different roles,</p> <p>16 yeah.</p> <p>17 Q. Yes.</p> <p>18 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: If I've understood you correctly,</p> <p>19 the FCO really goes to see what the problem is.</p> <p>20 A. Correct, yeah.</p> <p>21 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: He identifies the problem, which</p> <p>22 might be interior or exterior --</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p> <p>24 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: -- and then, depending on what he</p> <p>25 finds, he calls in relevant people, certainly for the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 11</p>
<p>1 A. So my role would be more of a delivery, so make sure the</p> <p>2 work gets delivered, completed safely, looking after the</p> <p>3 teams, the supervisors, looking after the patch, whereas</p> <p>4 Tony Day is the next step up so. He would have three of</p> <p>5 me, three network engineers, to deliver on a wider</p> <p>6 patch. So he would be responsible for the whole of west</p> <p>7 London.</p> <p>8 Q. I think we just talked about the director of operations.</p> <p>9 Is that who Tony Day reports to?</p> <p>10 A. Yes.</p> <p>11 Q. Who was that at the time of the Grenfell fire?</p> <p>12 A. That was James Harrison.</p> <p>13 Q. As you just said, beneath you, you have something called</p> <p>14 a network supervisor; is that right?</p> <p>15 A. That's correct.</p> <p>16 Q. On the night of the fire, who was that?</p> <p>17 A. Well, I have three, but who looks after that area was</p> <p>18 Neale Milam. That's his area which he manages on</p> <p>19 a day-to-day basis where the tower is situated.</p> <p>20 Q. Again, can you tell us, what's the difference between</p> <p>21 your role and Mr Milam's role as a network supervisor?</p> <p>22 A. So, again, I'm responsible for three network</p> <p>23 supervisors. Each network supervisor has their own area</p> <p>24 which they manage and they manage the teams which work</p> <p>25 on that patch. So the jobs would be dispatched to the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 10</p>	<p>1 exterior problem.</p> <p>2 A. That's right.</p> <p>3 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: One of your team turns up --</p> <p>4 A. So, like you say, they classify whether it needs to be</p> <p>5 attended by a team or whether it's on internal pipework</p> <p>6 which the customer owns. So that would be sort of, as</p> <p>7 an example, if you've got where your gas meter is, the</p> <p>8 pipe comes in and goes through the meter, and once it</p> <p>9 goes out the other side, the customer owns that</p> <p>10 pipework, so if the leak is on that side, that's for</p> <p>11 them to get a qualified person in. But if it's</p> <p>12 beforehand, it's for Cadent.</p> <p>13 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Just to complete the picture, if the</p> <p>14 FCO finds that it's a leak internally, is he the man who</p> <p>15 turns off the supply outside the house?</p> <p>16 A. No, so if it would be inside, there would be an</p> <p>17 isolation valve next to where the meter was. So he</p> <p>18 would turn it off there and then cap it, and then that</p> <p>19 would be made safe inside. So there would be no gas</p> <p>20 going into the meter, so that would be made safe like</p> <p>21 that.</p> <p>22 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: That's about the limit of his</p> <p>23 action?</p> <p>24 A. Yes.</p> <p>25 MS GRANGE: That's helpful, thank you.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 12</p>

<p>1 During the night of the fire, is it right that you</p> <p>2 ran all the operations and you briefed all the repair</p> <p>3 teams, and you were the main point of contact for the</p> <p>4 LFB?</p> <p>5 A. That's correct.</p> <p>6 Q. On that night, did you take all the major decisions in</p> <p>7 conjunction with your manager, Tony Day?</p> <p>8 A. Yes. We discussed the decisions, some with</p> <p>9 James Harrison as well, but predominantly I was feeding</p> <p>10 in to Tony Day and Tony Day would then feed in to James.</p> <p>11 Q. Let's come to the night of the fire now.</p> <p>12 You've explained in your witness statement that you</p> <p>13 were not actually on standby that night, 13/14 June, and</p> <p>14 that you would not have expected to be contacted about</p> <p>15 the incident; is that right?</p> <p>16 A. Out of hours, that's correct, yes, because I wasn't on</p> <p>17 standby for that night. The call-out starts and it</p> <p>18 finishes at 8 o'clock in the morning, so after that</p> <p>19 time, because I was responsible for that area,</p> <p>20 I would've been told about it, but not until that time.</p> <p>21 Q. Your colleague Robert Ben was the person on standby --</p> <p>22 A. He was, yes.</p> <p>23 Q. -- is that correct?</p> <p>24 Do you understand that he was notified by Cadent</p> <p>25 dispatch on the night?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 13</p>	<p>1 plans in place as quick as we could.</p> <p>2 Q. You talk about your knowledge of the area. What were</p> <p>3 the specific works that you had going on in that area?</p> <p>4 A. We was currently dealing with a medium pressure leak,</p> <p>5 which was a 36-inch main which was fractured, which</p> <p>6 isn't uncommon. We do get fractured pipes and we have</p> <p>7 to fix them. So we were currently working on a 36-inch</p> <p>8 medium pressure fractured main in Bramley Road, which</p> <p>9 was quite close to the tower. We actually had the road</p> <p>10 closed there at the time because it was right in the</p> <p>11 middle of the road. So it was quite some engineering</p> <p>12 works going on there at that point.</p> <p>13 Q. But that meant you knew the area well; is that right?</p> <p>14 A. Yes, I did, because we had -- I say a road closure, we</p> <p>15 had a diversion in place as well, so I walked the</p> <p>16 diversion a couple of times so I understood it with a</p> <p>17 traffic management company, and it did take us around</p> <p>18 near to the tower.</p> <p>19 Q. In terms of your knowledge of what happened before you</p> <p>20 arrived, you say that between 5.30 or 6.00 you spoke to</p> <p>21 Mr Milam; is that right?</p> <p>22 A. Yes, I did, yes.</p> <p>23 Q. You say that he said he'd already been contacted and he</p> <p>24 was heading off to the tower, and he'd arranged for</p> <p>25 a repair team to attend; is that right?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 15</p>
<p>1 A. He was, yes.</p> <p>2 Q. You say that on the 14th you were supposed to go to</p> <p>3 a training course with your manager. You woke around</p> <p>4 5.30 and saw the news about the fire. Is that correct?</p> <p>5 A. Well, it wasn't a training course; it was a planning</p> <p>6 meeting.</p> <p>7 Q. Sorry, yes.</p> <p>8 A. Yes.</p> <p>9 Q. But you were meant to be doing something else?</p> <p>10 A. Yes, yes.</p> <p>11 Q. You saw the news of the fire and then you called</p> <p>12 Tony Day?</p> <p>13 A. I did, yes.</p> <p>14 Q. Is it right that you both agreed that you would go to</p> <p>15 the tower?</p> <p>16 A. That's correct.</p> <p>17 Q. Even though you weren't on standby, why did you decide</p> <p>18 to go?</p> <p>19 A. We was actually working in the area. We had a large job</p> <p>20 going on quite close to the tower, and local experience</p> <p>21 we knew that there was gas present around the area. So,</p> <p>22 again, from my experience of attending the training</p> <p>23 course at Moreton-in-Marsh with the Fire Brigade, I was</p> <p>24 pretty confident they would be needing our assistance.</p> <p>25 So I thought the quicker we can get there, we can get</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 14</p>	<p>1 A. Yes, the dispatch centre had already dispatched the job</p> <p>2 to a repair team and also spoken to Neale Milam as well,</p> <p>3 who was aware of that.</p> <p>4 Q. Did Mr Milam say anything else to you at that time when</p> <p>5 you spoke to him?</p> <p>6 A. Regarding?</p> <p>7 Q. Just the incident or what he was dealing with?</p> <p>8 A. Not really, no.</p> <p>9 Q. No.</p> <p>10 A. Only that it was a large fire and that we both would be</p> <p>11 heading to site.</p> <p>12 Q. You say you left your house around 6.15 am; is that</p> <p>13 right?</p> <p>14 A. That's correct, yes.</p> <p>15 Q. On the way, you called Dave Edwards, who was already on</p> <p>16 site; is that right?</p> <p>17 A. Yes, because Dave Edwards was the level 7 network</p> <p>18 engineer for the FCO side that night, so he had</p> <p>19 operatives on site, and I also did speak to him because</p> <p>20 he was on site and to get some information off of David.</p> <p>21 Q. Is it right he's in the emergency response branch of the</p> <p>22 operations team?</p> <p>23 A. That's correct, yes.</p> <p>24 Q. So he's like the mirror image --</p> <p>25 A. (Nodded assent)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 16</p>

<p>1 Q. Yes.</p> <p>2 Can we just look at what you say about that call</p> <p>3 with Mr Edwards. Can we call up on the screen, please,</p> <p>4 your first statement -- that's MET00012710 -- at page 4,</p> <p>5 paragraph 18.</p> <p>6 So just picking that up three lines down, you say:</p> <p>7 "Dave explained that the whole block of flats was on</p> <p>8 fire and that there were multiple emergency services on</p> <p>9 site. He told me that a Repair team was already on site</p> <p>10 and explained that he had been to the LFB command unit</p> <p>11 to confirm our presence on site at around 04:45am. The</p> <p>12 command unit was located on Bramley Road near Grenfell</p> <p>13 Tower (point 2 on the map at JMA1). I understand that</p> <p>14 the LFB co-ordinated their rescue operation from this</p> <p>15 command unit. The fire officers inside the command unit</p> <p>16 had asked Dave EDWARDS and the team to standby in the</p> <p>17 local area and await further instructions."</p> <p>18 That's correct, that's what you say?</p> <p>19 A. That's correct, yes.</p> <p>20 Q. Do you know if Mr Edwards was given a reason by the LFB</p> <p>21 to stand by when he spoke to them at that time?</p> <p>22 A. He didn't give me a reason; he just said that he'd been</p> <p>23 in to make contact to inform them that we, Cadent, were</p> <p>24 on site, and at their disposal if they want us to action</p> <p>25 anything, but he was told just to stand by at that</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 17</p>	<p>1 Is that your understanding of what happened?</p> <p>2 A. That's correct, yes.</p> <p>3 Q. Again, do you know if Mr Knightley was given a reason at</p> <p>4 that time why he should stand by?</p> <p>5 A. I wasn't aware of any reason, no.</p> <p>6 Q. Would Mr Knightley or Mr Edwards have been able to</p> <p>7 approach or access the tower, including the basement,</p> <p>8 without an instruction from the LFB?</p> <p>9 A. At that time, I wasn't on site, so I wouldn't know, but</p> <p>10 what I do know is when I got to site, they wouldn't have</p> <p>11 got to it because of the cordons that were set up. They</p> <p>12 wouldn't have been able to get near enough to the tower</p> <p>13 to access it.</p> <p>14 Q. You don't think it would've been possible to get through</p> <p>15 the cordons?</p> <p>16 A. If they spoke to the police and the LFB on the cordons,</p> <p>17 they may have been, but what they were going to do, I'm</p> <p>18 not sure, because of obviously the severity of the fire.</p> <p>19 Q. You also say that although you were familiar with the</p> <p>20 local area around the tower, you didn't have any</p> <p>21 knowledge of internal gas pipework in the tower.</p> <p>22 Therefore, you called Patrick Kelly, who works in the</p> <p>23 contract management team at Cadent; is that right?</p> <p>24 A. That's correct, yes.</p> <p>25 Q. Why did you call him?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 19</p>
<p>1 point.</p> <p>2 Q. Mr Edwards says in his statement that at that time he</p> <p>3 spoke to a lady who he believes to be the LFB</p> <p>4 commissioner, Dany Cotton, and that he asked if there</p> <p>5 was anything the LFB needed.</p> <p>6 Did he tell you he had spoken to the commissioner,</p> <p>7 Dany Cotton?</p> <p>8 A. He didn't mention her name to me; he just said that he</p> <p>9 had been to the command unit.</p> <p>10 Q. Before your arrival, I think you mentioned this earlier,</p> <p>11 the FCO, the first call operative, was also on site; is</p> <p>12 that right? That's Mr Knightley.</p> <p>13 A. Yes.</p> <p>14 Q. In his statement, Mr Knightley explains that he had been</p> <p>15 called at 03.22 and he arrived at site around 03.48. Is</p> <p>16 that your understanding?</p> <p>17 A. From what I've seen, that's correct, yes.</p> <p>18 Q. He says that he gave his contact details to two firemen</p> <p>19 and asked them to pass those on to the command unit.</p> <p>20 Again, is that your understanding of what he had</p> <p>21 done?</p> <p>22 A. That's what I was told, yes.</p> <p>23 Q. He also says that around 4.30/5.00 in the morning, he</p> <p>24 reported to the incident unit on Bramley Road. He gave</p> <p>25 his name and number and, again, was told to stand by.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 18</p>	<p>1 A. So I spoke to Pat because Pat is the contract specialist</p> <p>2 for MOBs, which is multi-occupancy buildings, and I was</p> <p>3 aware there was some works going on in the area --</p> <p>4 I didn't know at that time it was Grenfell, but I was</p> <p>5 aware there were some repair riser works which is</p> <p>6 carried out by our contract partner at that time. So</p> <p>7 I just phoned Pat to see if he was aware of the building</p> <p>8 and if he knew of the supplies into the building, which</p> <p>9 he did, and he informed me that there were some works</p> <p>10 going on and that there were internal risers in</p> <p>11 Grenfell Tower.</p> <p>12 Q. Did he tell you that there had been a gas riser</p> <p>13 replacement going on?</p> <p>14 A. He did inform me that there was one currently being</p> <p>15 replaced, yes.</p> <p>16 Q. Can you just briefly explain what a gas riser is?</p> <p>17 A. So a gas riser is the main gas pipe which will come into</p> <p>18 a building, so a high-rise building. It could be one,</p> <p>19 two, three, four, different -- a square build in each</p> <p>20 corner, or it could be one going up the middle.</p> <p>21 Basically, it's the main riser pipe which comes in</p> <p>22 from underground, goes through the building and then</p> <p>23 will tee off in laterals into each flat who has gas.</p> <p>24 Q. Can we just look at paragraph 19 of your statement now,</p> <p>25 if we can go into that, it's on the same page.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 20</p>

<p>1 You say this about what Patrick Kelly told you. In</p> <p>2 the last part of that paragraph you say:</p> <p>3 "Patrick KELLY confirmed to me that there was gas</p> <p>4 supplied within the building via four internal gas</p> <p>5 risers and that there were valves on the risers in the</p> <p>6 sub-basement of the building, albeit that they were at a</p> <p>7 high level."</p> <p>8 So you knew at that point that there were these</p> <p>9 risers in the basement but at a high level?</p> <p>10 A. Correct, yes.</p> <p>11 Q. Did you have any discussion at that time with Mr Kelly</p> <p>12 about the options that might be available to you for</p> <p>13 isolating the gas supply to the tower?</p> <p>14 A. We did discuss there were valves internally in the</p> <p>15 sub-basement. This was on my way to site. I was</p> <p>16 en route. So I'd seen on the telly what I'd seen, and</p> <p>17 then obviously once I got closer and closer, I didn't</p> <p>18 think that there was going to be an option to get in,</p> <p>19 and Pat said if you can get in, they're going to be high</p> <p>20 level, so you probably more than likely may need</p> <p>21 a ladder or something to get up to them.</p> <p>22 But I didn't think that we'd be going into that</p> <p>23 basement because of the severity of the fire.</p> <p>24 Q. In terms of your arrival and your approaching the tower,</p> <p>25 you say that you arrived around 7.20 am; is that right?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 21</p>	<p>1 what you just said.</p> <p>2 A. No, I didn't.</p> <p>3 Q. Okay.</p> <p>4 A. I had my own timelines of -- like I said, I had my diary</p> <p>5 with my key decisions in and I made times against them,</p> <p>6 for instance when I arrived on site, when I went to the</p> <p>7 command units, et cetera, et cetera. I made notes of my</p> <p>8 own times.</p> <p>9 Q. And you checked those before you wrote your statement?</p> <p>10 A. Yes.</p> <p>11 Q. You say you approached from Oxford Gardens, which is</p> <p>12 north-west of the tower; is that right?</p> <p>13 A. That's correct.</p> <p>14 Q. Can we just go back to your statement then. So if we</p> <p>15 can go back to MET00012710, page 4, paragraph 20.</p> <p>16 So picking it up in the second line, you say:</p> <p>17 "As I was driving from Hangar[sic] Lane, I could see</p> <p>18 the smoke, I had never seen such a devastating fire.</p> <p>19 When I first pulled up, I could only see the top third</p> <p>20 of the building which was on fire with debris coming off</p> <p>21 it. I could not believe what I was seeing and spent the</p> <p>22 first couple of minutes after I had arrived just looking</p> <p>23 at the scenes around me."</p> <p>24 I also want to go to what you say two paragraphs</p> <p>25 later, at paragraph 23 on page 5, please.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 23</p>
<p>1 A. That's correct.</p> <p>2 Q. This is recorded in a Cadent timeline that we have for</p> <p>3 the night. If we can bring that up on the screen,</p> <p>4 CAD000000002.</p> <p>5 If we can just zoom in on the entry at 87 on that</p> <p>6 page, just beyond the halfway point. That's it.</p> <p>7 Do you know whether this timeline was prepared</p> <p>8 contemporaneously or has been created after the event?</p> <p>9 A. This has been, I believe, created after the event.</p> <p>10 Q. Right.</p> <p>11 A. So the times would've been taken from I believe</p> <p>12 statements from other witnesses on site, but it's been</p> <p>13 put together as one afterwards.</p> <p>14 Q. So this isn't the same as the dispatch centre incident</p> <p>15 log?</p> <p>16 A. It could've been taken from it, but it may have been</p> <p>17 added as to well.</p> <p>18 Q. Have you had a chance to look at this log?</p> <p>19 A. I have, yes.</p> <p>20 Q. And check its accuracy?</p> <p>21 A. Yes, I have, yes.</p> <p>22 Q. Do you consider the timings to be accurate in it?</p> <p>23 A. For the entries for myself, I believe so, yes.</p> <p>24 Q. Did you have this timeline when you were preparing your</p> <p>25 statement? It sounds like you might not have done from</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 22</p>	<p>1 So you say:</p> <p>2 "23. I knew that there was gas being supplied into</p> <p>3 the tower and as soon as I saw the fire, I realised that</p> <p>4 we would need to turn off the supply of gas as soon as</p> <p>5 possible. When I arrived on site, we could not get</p> <p>6 anywhere near the tower. The flames were still burning,</p> <p>7 debris from the building was falling to the floor and</p> <p>8 the police were keeping everyone away from the tower.</p> <p>9 As soon as I saw the fire, it was clear to me that we</p> <p>10 would not be able to approach the tower to operate any</p> <p>11 service isolation valves and that we would therefore</p> <p>12 need to disconnect the supply of gas by isolating the</p> <p>13 mains in the network."</p> <p>14 Just pausing there, I want to ask you a few</p> <p>15 questions about those paragraphs.</p> <p>16 You say that you realised you had to turn the gas</p> <p>17 off as soon as possible.</p> <p>18 Why exactly was that?</p> <p>19 A. I think from previous experience from previous fires</p> <p>20 that I've been to, big warehouses, other big blocks</p> <p>21 of -- maybe rows of houses where you just can't get</p> <p>22 close enough to isolate the supply, so basically your</p> <p>23 next step back is to isolate the main which feeds the</p> <p>24 services. So you isolate the bigger section.</p> <p>25 Knowing that there's gas in the building, eventually</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 24</p>

<p>1 at some point that gas pipe could potentially rupture.</p> <p>2 Therefore, with a fire, it's going to now add fuel to</p> <p>3 that fire. And with gas, obviously, if the Fire Brigade</p> <p>4 keeps putting the gas out, then you've got gas just</p> <p>5 releasing from an open-ended pipe, perhaps, which then</p> <p>6 you've got even more potential for an explosion or</p> <p>7 something like that.</p> <p>8 So it was just from previous experience knowing that</p> <p>9 the safest thing to do would be to isolate the gas from</p> <p>10 the building.</p> <p>11 Q. Did you form a view at that time as to whether there</p> <p>12 were any gas fires burning in the tower?</p> <p>13 A. Not at that time, no, not at that time. Because like</p> <p>14 I say, when I pulled up by Latimer Road station, looking</p> <p>15 over the station, I could really only see the top third</p> <p>16 of the building, which was smoldering but still alight.</p> <p>17 So I couldn't say that I could see gas fires inside the</p> <p>18 building at that point.</p> <p>19 Q. You say you couldn't get close to the tower. Why was</p> <p>20 that at that time?</p> <p>21 A. There were cordons everywhere. There were lots of</p> <p>22 people everywhere. At that time, I wasn't sure who</p> <p>23 I was going to be speaking to, who was going to let me</p> <p>24 through, so it was just really an initial sort of site</p> <p>25 assessment of where we were, what was there and how we</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 25</p>	<p>1 a map of the area that was marked up by Mr Edwards.</p> <p>2 It's not very clear on the screen, it's not very big</p> <p>3 writing, but am I right -- so in the middle of that, we</p> <p>4 have -- that's it there -- a red marker, and that's</p> <p>5 Grenfell Tower; is that right?</p> <p>6 A. That's correct.</p> <p>7 Q. Then we can see various red lines coming off it. We're</p> <p>8 going to look at those in more detail in a little while,</p> <p>9 but those are gas mains, is that right --</p> <p>10 A. They are, yes.</p> <p>11 Q. -- coming off the tower?</p> <p>12 A. Yes.</p> <p>13 Q. Those red points.</p> <p>14 If we orientate ourselves, we have Station Walk then</p> <p>15 down the left-hand side, down the west side, running</p> <p>16 down there, and we have Bramley Road that goes up then</p> <p>17 to the north.</p> <p>18 A. Yes.</p> <p>19 Q. If we go up to the top-left, we can see Darfield Way.</p> <p>20 I think Mr Edwards says it's point 9 which is the muster</p> <p>21 point. Point 9, the little black dot near Darfield Way.</p> <p>22 So your muster point was up in that top left-hand</p> <p>23 corner?</p> <p>24 A. That looks correct, yes. If that's where Dover House</p> <p>25 was, that's where we were.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 27</p>
<p>1 was going to get around these obstacles.</p> <p>2 Q. Was anybody actually preventing you from approaching the</p> <p>3 tower?</p> <p>4 A. Not exactly, but I wouldn't just want to go and approach</p> <p>5 the tower really closely until I knew what I was doing.</p> <p>6 Obviously there were cordons there. If we said to the</p> <p>7 emergency services that we were the gas there to come</p> <p>8 and isolate, then I'm sure no one would've stopped us,</p> <p>9 but then again it was such a big fire and there was</p> <p>10 stuff coming off of it, I didn't want to put anybody at</p> <p>11 danger by just approaching the tower without having some</p> <p>12 kind of plan in place.</p> <p>13 Q. You say what you did is you went to something called the</p> <p>14 Cadent muster point, which Mr Edwards had established.</p> <p>15 Can you explain -- it might sound obvious -- what</p> <p>16 a muster point is?</p> <p>17 A. For us, it's a muster point where everybody on site is</p> <p>18 aware of where that location is. Should there be any</p> <p>19 emergency, should there be anything happen, everyone</p> <p>20 would be told to get back to the same area so we can</p> <p>21 check everybody was safe and everybody was present.</p> <p>22 Q. Was that muster point at Dover House on Darfield Way?</p> <p>23 A. That's correct, yes.</p> <p>24 Q. We can have a look at that. So if we go to an exhibit</p> <p>25 of Mr Dave Edwards. If we go to MET00012912, that is</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 26</p>	<p>1 Q. Is there a reason why Dover House was chosen?</p> <p>2 A. If you can see from that map, we're sort of west away</p> <p>3 from that. We wanted to find a place where -- because</p> <p>4 there were lots of people milling around, so we needed</p> <p>5 to find a place where we were out of the way so we could</p> <p>6 communicate between ourselves and put a plan in place,</p> <p>7 and where it was accessible to get our vehicles and bits</p> <p>8 and pieces nearby. So we chose that because it was</p> <p>9 tucked out of the way a little bit as well.</p> <p>10 Q. While we have that map open, Mr Edwards has marked the</p> <p>11 location of the LFB command unit that he was aware of.</p> <p>12 That's at point 10.</p> <p>13 So that's down there towards the bottom on Bramley</p> <p>14 Road.</p> <p>15 A. Yes.</p> <p>16 Q. Again, does that accord with your recollection as to the</p> <p>17 command unit?</p> <p>18 A. That was a command unit.</p> <p>19 Q. Yes.</p> <p>20 A. It wasn't the one which eventually was the one I was</p> <p>21 going to, but that was the first one I went to, yes.</p> <p>22 Q. Okay, yes.</p> <p>23 I just want to turn now briefly to your role as</p> <p>24 a category 2 responder. We've touched on this a little</p> <p>25 earlier.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 28</p>

<p>1 You mentioned that shortly before the fire you had</p> <p>2 had this training about working with other agencies.</p> <p>3 Can you explain what Cadent's role was on the night</p> <p>4 in the particular circumstances you faced as a category</p> <p>5 2 responder?</p> <p>6 A. So we were there as a request from the emergency</p> <p>7 services to support them with isolating gas if required.</p> <p>8 Q. What was your role in contrast with the LFB role?</p> <p>9 A. Sorry, I'm not sure --</p> <p>10 Q. So they were a category 1 responder.</p> <p>11 A. Yes.</p> <p>12 Q. How would you describe the difference between what you</p> <p>13 were there to do and what they were doing?</p> <p>14 A. So they're blue-light responders, they're emergency --</p> <p>15 they get there really quick. They have to obviously</p> <p>16 deal with the fire, the people, everything that's on</p> <p>17 site. We're just there to deal with the gas. That's</p> <p>18 what we deal with.</p> <p>19 Q. Who has the primacy on site in that situation?</p> <p>20 A. The category 1 responder, so the emergency services.</p> <p>21 Q. Is it right that you don't act unless you are ordered to</p> <p>22 do so?</p> <p>23 A. Correct.</p> <p>24 Q. So you've said that after your arrival on site at 07.45,</p> <p>25 you went to the LFB command unit. You just explained</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 29</p>	<p>1 MET00012710 at page 5, paragraph 24.</p> <p>2 Again, picking it up just over halfway down, you</p> <p>3 say:</p> <p>4 "However, I decided to go to the LFB command unit to</p> <p>5 speak with the fire officers to ask whether they wanted</p> <p>6 us to disconnect the supply of gas. At approximately</p> <p>7 07:45am I went to introduce myself to one of the LFB</p> <p>8 fire officers, who I think was called Julian, in the</p> <p>9 command unit and asked whether they wanted us to</p> <p>10 disconnect the supply of gas. He confirmed that they</p> <p>11 did. At that stage, the Incident Commander was aware</p> <p>12 that Cadent had not started the operation to disconnect</p> <p>13 the supplies of gas to the building."</p> <p>14 So that's your evidence about that.</p> <p>15 So as far as you are aware, was this the first time</p> <p>16 that the LFB confirmed to Cadent that they wanted the</p> <p>17 gas supply shut off?</p> <p>18 A. I believe so, yes, because when I went to the command</p> <p>19 unit, again, it was really difficult to actually grab</p> <p>20 someone's attention to who I was. There was so much</p> <p>21 going on in there, there were conversations going on</p> <p>22 everywhere. So I actually, you know, made it quite</p> <p>23 clear who I was and what I was there for, and I don't</p> <p>24 think that anybody at that point had made that decision</p> <p>25 to isolate the gas. So that was the first point that</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 31</p>
<p>1 that a moment ago. Is that point 10 on this map where</p> <p>2 you say you went to --</p> <p>3 A. That's the first one I went to, yes.</p> <p>4 Q. Yes.</p> <p>5 A. But I was told to go from there to the other main ones,</p> <p>6 which I don't think are marked on this map, actually.</p> <p>7 Q. No, I don't think they are.</p> <p>8 A. That's where I was told to go from there, to where --</p> <p>9 there was another two or three parked up round by where</p> <p>10 Lancaster Green is there, they was parked up around</p> <p>11 there. That's where I went round to.</p> <p>12 Q. So you arrived on site at 07.20. You didn't get to the</p> <p>13 command unit until 07.45. Can you just recall what you</p> <p>14 were doing in between?</p> <p>15 A. Just risk assessing the area, trying to find out who was</p> <p>16 on site, who was on their way to site. What resource we</p> <p>17 had available. Looking at the maps to see what gas</p> <p>18 mains were there. Trying to sort of put a plan in place</p> <p>19 so that when I went to the command unit, I had a plan to</p> <p>20 give them, should they want it. Rather than just go</p> <p>21 there and then go away and then make a plan, I wanted to</p> <p>22 have some information prepared for them as to what</p> <p>23 I thought would be a plan of action to take to isolate</p> <p>24 the gas.</p> <p>25 Q. Let's look at your statement again. So this is</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 30</p>	<p>1 they basically said to us, "Yeah, we want it to be</p> <p>2 isolated."</p> <p>3 Q. Was any explanation given to you as to why they were</p> <p>4 giving you the go-ahead at that point, at that time?</p> <p>5 A. No real explanation other than that I would assume,</p> <p>6 again, that experience says that in a building which is</p> <p>7 on fire, that much fire with a potential ignition source</p> <p>8 in there with gas, then it was the procedure to make</p> <p>9 sure that then was isolated to take away that potential</p> <p>10 of further fuel burning the fire.</p> <p>11 Q. You refer in that paragraph to an LFB fire officer who</p> <p>12 you think was called Julian. Do you think that might</p> <p>13 have been Julian Spooner? Did you know his name on the</p> <p>14 night?</p> <p>15 A. Again, I'm a little bit disappointed in myself because,</p> <p>16 from my training, I was always told to get names, but</p> <p>17 I was on a buzz and I was first names only. I was</p> <p>18 writing names down. I honestly couldn't remember what</p> <p>19 his surname was, no.</p> <p>20 Q. I now want to turn to the different options you had</p> <p>21 available to you for shutting off the gas.</p> <p>22 So as we saw just a moment ago, with reference to</p> <p>23 paragraph 23 of your statement, you said that from the</p> <p>24 moment you saw the fire, it was clear that you would not</p> <p>25 be able to approach the tower to operate any service</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 32</p>

<p>1 isolation valves; is that right?</p> <p>2 A. Correct.</p> <p>3 Q. Are these service isolation valves also sometimes called</p> <p>4 pipeline isolation valves, or PIVs?</p> <p>5 A. Correct, yes.</p> <p>6 Q. So they could be SIVs or PIVs?</p> <p>7 A. They could, yes.</p> <p>8 Q. Can you explain how you would normally isolate the gas</p> <p>9 supply using those valves?</p> <p>10 A. So if the valve was accessible -- they're normally</p> <p>11 within 1 to 2 metres of the building, the pipeline</p> <p>12 isolation valves. They're normally recognised by a box</p> <p>13 on the floor. It could be yellow, could be black, could</p> <p>14 be metal, could be plastic, and it will say "Gas" of</p> <p>15 some sort on that. They're normally in line with where</p> <p>16 the supplies go into the buildings.</p> <p>17 So if the fire was around the back of the building</p> <p>18 and it wasn't affecting us, you could go to that</p> <p>19 isolation valve, let the lid up, as long as it's clear,</p> <p>20 and you turn off.</p> <p>21 However, you wouldn't just leave that valve turned</p> <p>22 off; you'd still have to do a physical isolation behind.</p> <p>23 Because these valves, although they could turn off,</p> <p>24 obviously it's a valve and there's always the potential</p> <p>25 the gas could seep past that valve at some point. So</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 33</p>	<p>1 those maps?</p> <p>2 A. For Grenfell or generally?</p> <p>3 Q. For any building.</p> <p>4 A. If they're on the map, then they would be in the right</p> <p>5 location, because the building has always been there, so</p> <p>6 when they actually plot that, it should be within that</p> <p>7 area of where they've put the valve to be, yes.</p> <p>8 Q. At Grenfell, do you know if those were accessible?</p> <p>9 A. The valves?</p> <p>10 Q. Yes.</p> <p>11 A. No, completely not, because there was so much debris on</p> <p>12 the floor, there was no way to get to the valves at all.</p> <p>13 Q. We'll come to that in a moment, but do you know whether</p> <p>14 they had been covered over at all?</p> <p>15 A. I don't because I hadn't walked around the building</p> <p>16 prior to the fire, so I wouldn't be able to confirm or</p> <p>17 deny if they were there.</p> <p>18 Q. So turning to approaching the tower to turn off the</p> <p>19 valves, can you explain why you didn't do that on the</p> <p>20 night?</p> <p>21 A. What, go to the valves?</p> <p>22 Q. Try and access those valves, yes, try and find the</p> <p>23 locations.</p> <p>24 A. So --</p> <p>25 Q. What were the difficulties --</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 35</p>
<p>1 our procedures are that we do a physical isolation</p> <p>2 behind the valve.</p> <p>3 So instant off, and you still do an excavation</p> <p>4 behind to isolate.</p> <p>5 Q. So you would always expect to find these close to</p> <p>6 a building; yes?</p> <p>7 A. You'd expect them to be there, but it's not uncommon for</p> <p>8 them not to be identifiable due to refurbishment of the</p> <p>9 pavements, slabbing, kerbs moved, parking spaces get put</p> <p>10 in, sometimes get tarmacked over. They should be there</p> <p>11 but they're not always 100 per cent identifiable.</p> <p>12 Q. If they are covered over, what would normally happen?</p> <p>13 A. So if they was covered over, and we don't know exactly</p> <p>14 where they were, we would then try and identify by</p> <p>15 equipment to trace the pipe out from where it comes out</p> <p>16 from the building and then do an excavation to isolate</p> <p>17 the supply.</p> <p>18 Q. Would you expect to have plans available to you to be</p> <p>19 able to work out their location?</p> <p>20 A. For services into buildings, not all services are</p> <p>21 digitised into buildings. The mains which surround the</p> <p>22 area, everything there is on our maps, but not all</p> <p>23 supplies are digitised onto our maps.</p> <p>24 Q. In terms of your maps and the mains coming in, would you</p> <p>25 expect the locations of these isolation valves to be on</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 34</p>	<p>1 A. Well --</p> <p>2 Q. -- with doing that?</p> <p>3 A. Not being able to get close enough to the building</p> <p>4 because there was still burning debris falling from the</p> <p>5 building. So we knew from the map where they showed the</p> <p>6 valves, but that was on the south side, I believe, of</p> <p>7 the building, and that was just completely not</p> <p>8 accessible to get anywhere near that to even look for</p> <p>9 them because it was just too dangerous.</p> <p>10 Q. The second option is internal shut-off. So is it right</p> <p>11 that you can also shut off the gas by isolating the</p> <p>12 valves on the risers in the building?</p> <p>13 A. Yes. So not all buildings are the same, but this</p> <p>14 particular building had a sub-basement where they'd</p> <p>15 brought the pipes into. So they would've potentially</p> <p>16 had valves inside. From Pat Kelly's knowledge, he told</p> <p>17 me that they did, so there were valves inside there.</p> <p>18 They are construction valves but they could also act as</p> <p>19 pipeline isolation valves as well. They could be used</p> <p>20 to shut the supply off.</p> <p>21 But, as I say, you'd still have to do a physical</p> <p>22 isolation outside to make sure that pipe's completely</p> <p>23 isolated from entering the building.</p> <p>24 Q. Are they sometimes known as branch or riser isolation</p> <p>25 valves?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 36</p>

<p>1 A. Correct.</p> <p>2 Q. So when you were formulating your plan, for isolating</p> <p>3 the gas supply at Grenfell, did you think about</p> <p>4 accessing the basement at that time?</p> <p>5 A. No.</p> <p>6 Q. Why not?</p> <p>7 A. Because the building was -- it just looked like it was</p> <p>8 a big fireball, it was completely alight, and although</p> <p>9 I'd seen some fire officers go in and out, I just didn't</p> <p>10 think that we'd be able to access that basement at all.</p> <p>11 Q. So you didn't think that was an option for you at that</p> <p>12 time?</p> <p>13 A. At that time, no.</p> <p>14 Q. I want to turn to another method of shutting off the gas</p> <p>15 supply, which is to do with something called governors,</p> <p>16 gas governors.</p> <p>17 You've explained in your statement that it's</p> <p>18 sometimes possible in some circumstances to use these</p> <p>19 governors to shut off the gas supply.</p> <p>20 Is it right that governors are a mechanism in a gas</p> <p>21 network that reduces medium pressure to low pressure?</p> <p>22 A. That's correct, yes.</p> <p>23 Q. Can we just have a look at a map of the governors in the</p> <p>24 area of Grenfell Tower. So if we go to your exhibit</p> <p>25 JMA/3 to your second statement, that's CAD00003012.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 37</p>	<p>1 Q. Yes. To be fair to you, I think this might get clearer.</p> <p>2 Can we look at JMA/4, which is CAD00003016.</p> <p>3 Can you explain to us what that map, that different</p> <p>4 coloured map, is showing there?</p> <p>5 A. So, again, Grenfell is just up -- about two-thirds of</p> <p>6 the way down from the top. It is the red -- so</p> <p>7 basically the Latimer Road governor is the main pressure</p> <p>8 reducing system feeding that area. So that's where the</p> <p>9 main --</p> <p>10 Q. That little red network that we've got on the</p> <p>11 bottom-left --</p> <p>12 A. Yes.</p> <p>13 Q. -- that's the Latimer Road network that's served by that</p> <p>14 governor there?</p> <p>15 A. Correct, yes.</p> <p>16 Q. That's where Grenfell Tower is; yes?</p> <p>17 A. That's correct.</p> <p>18 Q. It is written on here but it is very hard to see.</p> <p>19 A. So if you were to turn that one off, basically then if</p> <p>20 you go to the next nearest one, which I think is</p> <p>21 Kensal Green, which is just to the north, which is all</p> <p>22 the blue, that would then work harder and then that</p> <p>23 would push gas back into the system that way.</p> <p>24 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Are these governors in effect like</p> <p>25 taps, so if you turn one off, another one will open</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 39</p>
<p>1 It's not hugely clear on this screen, but there are</p> <p>2 little brown arrows dotted around this screen. Are they</p> <p>3 governors?</p> <p>4 A. Yes, they're governors, or another way of -- pressure</p> <p>5 reducing stations or systems, that's what we call them.</p> <p>6 Q. Pressure reducing stations?</p> <p>7 A. Yes.</p> <p>8 Q. Is it right -- again, it's very hard to read on this</p> <p>9 map -- Grenfell Tower and the location of Grenfell is</p> <p>10 right in the bottom left-hand corner of this map?</p> <p>11 A. It's not the bottom two, it's the next one up.</p> <p>12 Q. Just there?</p> <p>13 A. That's it, yes.</p> <p>14 Q. Yes. Great, that's helpful.</p> <p>15 Can you explain to us whether shutting off the</p> <p>16 governors was an option at Grenfell Tower?</p> <p>17 A. An option but not a viable one.</p> <p>18 Q. Can you explain why?</p> <p>19 A. Because as you can see, you'd have to shut -- one, two,</p> <p>20 three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine -- ten, at</p> <p>21 least ten, might be another one there I thought. So,</p> <p>22 basically, if we shut the one at Grenfell, all the other</p> <p>23 brown arrows, they would just force gas back to that</p> <p>24 location. So you'd have to shut all of them governors</p> <p>25 off to be able to close the gas supply off to the tower.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 38</p>	<p>1 further in order to --</p> <p>2 A. Correct.</p> <p>3 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: -- keep the pressure up?</p> <p>4 A. That's absolutely right, yes. So basically you turn one</p> <p>5 and the next one will just work harder and so forth and</p> <p>6 so on. So obviously if you turn them all off,</p> <p>7 eventually the pressure would start to drop because the</p> <p>8 demand of one wouldn't be able to feed the whole lot,</p> <p>9 but it would not isolate the supplies.</p> <p>10 And if you had have turned all of them governors</p> <p>11 off, as you can see, all that pipework, that all going</p> <p>12 to be holding gas. And with the time of year and the</p> <p>13 amount of -- it was really hot, so not a lot of demand</p> <p>14 on there, it would take a hell of a long time to burn</p> <p>15 all that gas off in that system.</p> <p>16 MS GRANGE: Even once you've isolated the governors or</p> <p>17 turned them down, you've then got the difficulty of the</p> <p>18 existing gas in the pipe that would have to dissipate?</p> <p>19 A. Correct, yes.</p> <p>20 Q. You say in order to guarantee cutting off the gas</p> <p>21 supply, you'd also have to cut the mains as well. Why</p> <p>22 is that?</p> <p>23 A. Again, they're all on valves. Valves are -- you know,</p> <p>24 some valves have been in there many, many years. They</p> <p>25 make like a seal, but, again, there could be a slight</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 40</p>

<p>1 let by, so you'd have to again physically drop down</p> <p>2 behind them and do an isolation on them.</p> <p>3 Some of the valves are newer, which are triple five</p> <p>4 (inaudible) valves, they're a newer valve. We're</p> <p>5 allowed to turn them off and just put a blank behind</p> <p>6 them. But you still have to physically drop down and do</p> <p>7 them works. You just can't leave valves turned off.</p> <p>8 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Just so I understand, if you are</p> <p>9 going to do a physical shut-off behind the valve, does</p> <p>10 that involve cutting the pipe?</p> <p>11 A. It does, sir, yes. So basically you have excavations</p> <p>12 and then we have flow-stopping equipment we have to</p> <p>13 insert into the pipes. So do a physical cut, cut</p> <p>14 a section out and then put caps on.</p> <p>15 MS GRANGE: We're going to come back to that kind of</p> <p>16 operation in a moment.</p> <p>17 You have said, in short, in your latest statement</p> <p>18 that shutting down the governors would have been a much</p> <p>19 more complex operation than the one you actually</p> <p>20 undertook at Grenfell, which we'll come to in a moment.</p> <p>21 Is that right?</p> <p>22 A. I believe so, yes. Yes, definitely.</p> <p>23 Q. Did it even enter your mind to think about shutting the</p> <p>24 governors down?</p> <p>25 A. We had a conversation about it. We did. So looking at</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 41</p>	<p>1 quite tiring, so we'll stop now for 10 minutes.</p> <p>2 I'm going to ask you not to talk about your evidence</p> <p>3 to anyone once you leave the room, and we'll resume at</p> <p>4 11.05 --</p> <p>5 THE WITNESS: Okay.</p> <p>6 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: -- with some more questions. All</p> <p>7 right?</p> <p>8 THE WITNESS: Okay.</p> <p>9 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: If you would like to go with the</p> <p>10 usher, please. Thank you.</p> <p>11 All right, 11.05, then, please.</p> <p>12 (10.55 am)</p> <p>13 (A short break)</p> <p>14 (11.05 am)</p> <p>15 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: All right, Mr Allday?</p> <p>16 THE WITNESS: Yes, thank you.</p> <p>17 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, Ms Grange.</p> <p>18 MS GRANGE: Thank you.</p> <p>19 I want to turn, then, to the option that you did</p> <p>20 decide to pursue on the night, and in the event you</p> <p>21 decided that the option of cutting off the mains at</p> <p>22 three identified points in streets nearby to Grenfell</p> <p>23 was the appropriate option.</p> <p>24 Can you just briefly explain why you thought that</p> <p>25 was the best option you had?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 43</p>
<p>1 this picture, this is what we'd use for what we call</p> <p>2 network analysis so we can understand how the whole</p> <p>3 system is configured. So we had a quick look, our</p> <p>4 network analysis, we looked how many governors there</p> <p>5 would be required to shut down the time it would take.</p> <p>6 So it was in our thought process, it was an option,</p> <p>7 but it got dismissed quite quickly.</p> <p>8 Q. I think you've answered this already: how long does it</p> <p>9 typically take to reduce the amount of gas being</p> <p>10 supplied by isolating the governors? Does that depend</p> <p>11 on how much gas is in the system, how big the network</p> <p>12 is --</p> <p>13 A. Absolutely. What the demand is -- there's all sorts of</p> <p>14 factors into that, yes.</p> <p>15 MS GRANGE: Mr Chairman, that is a convenient moment because</p> <p>16 I'm about to get to some detailed questions about the</p> <p>17 option that they did pursue on the night, and there's</p> <p>18 a sequence of questions that I would like to be as</p> <p>19 a continuum.</p> <p>20 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, of course, so we shall have a</p> <p>21 break now.</p> <p>22 MS GRANGE: So if we could have a break now, that would be</p> <p>23 convenient.</p> <p>24 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Mr Allday, we have a break roughly</p> <p>25 once an hour because most people find giving evidence is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 42</p>	<p>1 A. So the gas mains going towards Grenfell Tower, there was</p> <p>2 three feeds going towards it, so you'd have to isolate</p> <p>3 every one to get a physical isolation. So the locations</p> <p>4 were near enough to isolate but safe enough for us to</p> <p>5 work at, at the time, so that's why we chose them</p> <p>6 locations.</p> <p>7 Q. You say that in order to decide what to do you looked at</p> <p>8 some plans of the mains; is that right?</p> <p>9 A. Correct, yes.</p> <p>10 Q. You've now exhibited the maps that you say were</p> <p>11 available on the night, and we're going to come back to</p> <p>12 those in a moment.</p> <p>13 Is it right that these maps come from laptops or</p> <p>14 something called "Go-Books"?</p> <p>15 A. Yes. So the field force engineers, the guys working out</p> <p>16 on site, they have a mobile device, it's called Go-Book,</p> <p>17 Toughbook, it's like a small laptop, and they have maps</p> <p>18 preloaded onto their systems so that they can access</p> <p>19 them to have a look where the mains are located in</p> <p>20 highways and footpaths.</p> <p>21 Q. Did you use a Go-Book to view the gas mains maps when</p> <p>22 you were first deciding your plan?</p> <p>23 A. I did, yes, because David Edwards was there and he had</p> <p>24 some resource there, some other FCOs, and I asked to use</p> <p>25 one of theirs so I could get the maps up to have a look</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 44</p>

<p>1 for myself.</p> <p>2 Q. You said you also had hard copy of these maps. How did</p> <p>3 you obtain those hard copies?</p> <p>4 A. So there was two. So David Edwards managed to go to</p> <p>5 a shop and managed to get them printed from a shop for</p> <p>6 us, and also Neale Milam went to the depot en route into</p> <p>7 Fulham and grabbed drawings and maps from there as well.</p> <p>8 Q. You said you arranged for more paper copies to be</p> <p>9 printed during the day. Why did you need those?</p> <p>10 A. Again, it was just to either get some, like, blown-up</p> <p>11 versions or some zoomed-in versions so that we could see</p> <p>12 how the network was configured, yes.</p> <p>13 Q. So the purpose of getting those hard copies, was it to</p> <p>14 try and make some of it a bit clearer?</p> <p>15 A. Correct, yes.</p> <p>16 Q. I see.</p> <p>17 Using those maps, you say that you thought it was</p> <p>18 best to cut and cap the mains at three points in the</p> <p>19 network away from the tower.</p> <p>20 Did Tony Day also think that was the best option?</p> <p>21 A. When I presented it to him, yes, we discussed it, it was</p> <p>22 agreed that that would be the best option, yes.</p> <p>23 Q. Did your recent knowledge of the area help you in making</p> <p>24 that decision?</p> <p>25 A. It did, yes.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 45</p>	<p>1 by using this one, and I'm going to go to some other</p> <p>2 maps in a moment.</p> <p>3 You decided to cut the gas at three points.</p> <p>4 Point 3 of this diagram on the right, we see</p> <p>5 Grenfell Road. Is it right that that was one of the</p> <p>6 isolation points there?</p> <p>7 A. That's correct.</p> <p>8 Q. Is it right that that was a pipe that was a</p> <p>9 180-millimetre gas pipe?</p> <p>10 A. Yes, because the old metallic system is imperial and the</p> <p>11 new plastic is metric. So that was 180-millimetre</p> <p>12 plastic, that main, yes.</p> <p>13 Q. Yes. That was the first point.</p> <p>14 Then point 4 of that map in the middle, that is</p> <p>15 Testerton Walk; is that right?</p> <p>16 A. Yes.</p> <p>17 Q. And that was a 4-inch gas pipe; is that correct?</p> <p>18 A. Yes, that was 4-inch steel, yes.</p> <p>19 Q. Do those two marks there, the 3 and 4, correctly show</p> <p>20 the position of the isolation point, as far as you can</p> <p>21 recall?</p> <p>22 A. Well, they're in that vicinity. They're not accurate</p> <p>23 but that's quite close to where they were, yes.</p> <p>24 Q. Okay.</p> <p>25 Then point 5 of that map -- keep going along to the</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 47</p>
<p>1 Q. How?</p> <p>2 A. Because, again, knowing the configuration of where the</p> <p>3 mains were and the maps and knowing the area we're</p> <p>4 working in, that would be the best place to do the</p> <p>5 isolations.</p> <p>6 Q. We're going to look at them just now, but were any of</p> <p>7 the locations unclear on the maps you were looking at?</p> <p>8 A. What do you mean, the locations unclear?</p> <p>9 Q. The isolation point locations, were any of them unclear?</p> <p>10 A. Well, with everything that was going on, it was quite</p> <p>11 hard to actually physically identify where they were</p> <p>12 because of where the cordons were. So we had to</p> <p>13 actually go and find them first, where we was going to</p> <p>14 go and do the isolations. So once we'd found them they</p> <p>15 wasn't unclear, but we had to find them first.</p> <p>16 Q. So let's go now -- I want to start with your exhibit</p> <p>17 JMA/1 to your first statement. That's at MET00012914.</p> <p>18 Is it right that this is a diagram that was made</p> <p>19 after the fire?</p> <p>20 A. Correct.</p> <p>21 Q. I think you say in your second statement you didn't use</p> <p>22 it on the night but it was produced for the purposes of</p> <p>23 preparing your police statement; is that right?</p> <p>24 A. That's right, yes.</p> <p>25 Q. Given that you've marked this one, I just want to start</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 46</p>	<p>1 left -- that's on Station Walk; is that right?</p> <p>2 A. That's correct.</p> <p>3 Q. You decided to cut that one as well.</p> <p>4 Is it right that the isolation point there was</p> <p>5 further north-east than both Latimer Road station and</p> <p>6 where Station Walk meets Bramley Road? So was it up</p> <p>7 Station Walk, the isolation point?</p> <p>8 A. Back towards where Station Walk, it says -- yes, back,</p> <p>9 I would say south a little bit, yes.</p> <p>10 Q. So you do think it was a little bit south of where 5 is</p> <p>11 on this map?</p> <p>12 A. Correct, yes.</p> <p>13 Q. South down Station Walk, back towards the tube station?</p> <p>14 A. Correct. So if you take the "S" from the "Station",</p> <p>15 just south of that.</p> <p>16 Q. If the little dot hovers on the "S" for "Station" -- no,</p> <p>17 no --</p> <p>18 A. No, the other one.</p> <p>19 Q. Yes. So you are saying just south there?</p> <p>20 A. That's right, just about here (Indicates).</p> <p>21 Q. Okay. That's helpful.</p> <p>22 Can you just explain briefly the reasons why you</p> <p>23 chose those particular isolation points?</p> <p>24 A. So once I'd made contact with the LFB, I'd had these</p> <p>25 sort of -- there or thereabouts these isolation points</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 48</p>

<p>1 in my head, that's where I wanted to do them. And then</p> <p>2 once -- in actual fact, I wanted to do them a little bit</p> <p>3 nearer the tower, the isolations, originally, but when</p> <p>4 the Fire Brigade took me through to where all the points</p> <p>5 were, it wasn't going to be physical[sic] to (a) get the</p> <p>6 men safe enough and close enough to do them there with</p> <p>7 what was going on, and there was far too much -- there</p> <p>8 was like pumps, aerial platforms, there was so much</p> <p>9 other stuff down there that we wouldn't have been able</p> <p>10 to excavate there because of what was going on.</p> <p>11 So I actually pulled everything back a little bit</p> <p>12 from the original points. Same mains, but literally</p> <p>13 pulled them back a little bit to locations where we</p> <p>14 could work safely without getting in the way with</p> <p>15 anybody else and do it safely.</p> <p>16 Q. Is it right that, certainly for 3 and 4, they are</p> <p>17 actually quite close to the tower, perhaps within</p> <p>18 30 metres, would you say?</p> <p>19 A. Yes, 3 was probably 30, 4 was probably less than 20, I'd</p> <p>20 say. 4 was --</p> <p>21 Q. Less than 20 metres from the tower?</p> <p>22 A. -- quite close, yes.</p> <p>23 Q. Is it right that you needed to cut all three in order to</p> <p>24 stop the gas supply?</p> <p>25 A. Correct.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 49</p>	<p>1 Q. We're going to come to the map in a moment and just have</p> <p>2 a look at that.</p> <p>3 A. Yes.</p> <p>4 Q. Did you reach that view by looking at your Go-Book map</p> <p>5 or a hard copy map?</p> <p>6 A. I think it was a bit of both. I looked originally on</p> <p>7 the Go-Book maps and then the hard copy maps that came</p> <p>8 out to site shortly after.</p> <p>9 Q. Let's just stick with this map for a moment and let's</p> <p>10 just trace that main.</p> <p>11 So Station Walk has a 12 diameter little label on</p> <p>12 it; is that correct? Towards the top of Station Walk,</p> <p>13 before it does the turn back towards the tower.</p> <p>14 A. Yes, that's correct, 12-inch DI, which stands for</p> <p>15 ductile iron.</p> <p>16 Q. There's a black mark here just under the number 23 that</p> <p>17 says "15[-inch] Isolation Point". Is it right that you</p> <p>18 marked that at the time you prepared your police</p> <p>19 statement?</p> <p>20 A. No, that mark is a symbol which will be part of our</p> <p>21 mapping system, and that mark -- are you talking about</p> <p>22 the little arrow pointing?</p> <p>23 Q. Sorry, no, I wasn't. I'll come to the arrow in just one</p> <p>24 second. So somebody's written: "15[-inch] Isolation</p> <p>25 Point".</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 51</p>
<p>1 Q. Had you tried to do it further away, might you have had</p> <p>2 to cut more points?</p> <p>3 A. Yes. So if you, as an example, take 3, go back south up</p> <p>4 more towards where Bomore Road is, as you can see,</p> <p>5 there's other supplies then coming in into that which</p> <p>6 would then have fed back into the tower.</p> <p>7 Q. You're talking about this branch here south of the green</p> <p>8 (Indicates)?</p> <p>9 A. Correct, yes. If I was south of that branch then</p> <p>10 obviously that would've fed in, you know.</p> <p>11 So the further back you come, the more isolations</p> <p>12 we'd have to have taken out to get a physical isolation.</p> <p>13 Q. Yes.</p> <p>14 I want to focus now for a little while on point 5 on</p> <p>15 Station Walk that we just walked about, which is</p> <p>16 a little bit further down Station Walk than on that map.</p> <p>17 You say you only discovered that that main on</p> <p>18 Station Walk was a 15-inch main as opposed to a 12-inch</p> <p>19 main when your team actually managed to excavate it</p> <p>20 later on the evening of the 14th; is that correct?</p> <p>21 A. That's correct.</p> <p>22 Q. When you first identified Station Walk as the isolation</p> <p>23 point you wanted to use, what did you understand the</p> <p>24 diameter of that pipe to be?</p> <p>25 A. As per the map, I understood it to be a 12-inch?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 50</p>	<p>1 A. Oh, right, sorry. I see what you mean.</p> <p>2 Q. Can you see there?</p> <p>3 A. Yes.</p> <p>4 Q. Is that a mark that was done at the time of your police</p> <p>5 statement?</p> <p>6 A. Correct, that was after the event.</p> <p>7 Q. Yes.</p> <p>8 A. Yes.</p> <p>9 Q. You've told us just now that in fact the isolation point</p> <p>10 you think was further south from there.</p> <p>11 A. Yes, it was plotted it was there, but it was actually,</p> <p>12 like I say, further back.</p> <p>13 Q. You wanted to draw attention to the little arrow -- we</p> <p>14 see it more clearly in another map in a moment -- on the</p> <p>15 corner of that kink in the pipe.</p> <p>16 A. Yes.</p> <p>17 Q. Can you explain what that arrow means to you?</p> <p>18 A. That means to me it's either a change of size of pipe,</p> <p>19 change of diameter, or change of material.</p> <p>20 Q. Okay.</p> <p>21 Then coming back down towards the tower, we can see</p> <p>22 it's got 15 written there.</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p> <p>24 Q. So let's just go then to the maps that you say you were</p> <p>25 using on the night, which are slightly less clear than</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 52</p>

<p>1 this one but let's go to those.</p> <p>2 So these are exhibited to your second statement,</p> <p>3 JMA/1. Can we pull up CAD00003015. We want just page 1</p> <p>4 of that.</p> <p>5 This is hard to read but we need to stick with that</p> <p>6 at the moment.</p> <p>7 So this shows the whole area, and we have</p> <p>8 Grenfell Tower in the top middle where the big X is; is</p> <p>9 that right?</p> <p>10 A. That's correct.</p> <p>11 Q. We can see we have a main that runs to the east of</p> <p>12 Grenfell Tower, down the right-hand side; yes?</p> <p>13 A. Yes.</p> <p>14 Q. And I think we can just about read that it says 15-inch</p> <p>15 DI on that in this little box on the side.</p> <p>16 A. Yes.</p> <p>17 Q. We can see it more clearly on the other maps.</p> <p>18 So it looks from that map that the main that's</p> <p>19 running immediately to the east of Grenfell Tower is</p> <p>20 a 15-inch main.</p> <p>21 A. Correct.</p> <p>22 Q. Was that your understanding on the night?</p> <p>23 A. Again, I wasn't looking to do any isolations that close</p> <p>24 to the building.</p> <p>25 Q. No, but did you have a look at what the diameter was --</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 53</p>	<p>1 Latimer Road. As I understand it, the Station Walk main</p> <p>2 is heading up the middle of this --</p> <p>3 A. That's correct.</p> <p>4 Q. -- and off the top.</p> <p>5 A. Yes.</p> <p>6 Q. Then we see Latimer Road there.</p> <p>7 There's a label in black, 12-inch DI.</p> <p>8 A. Yes.</p> <p>9 Q. What is that telling you, if anything, about the Station</p> <p>10 Walk?</p> <p>11 A. That's telling me that that asset is 12-inch ductile</p> <p>12 iron main.</p> <p>13 Q. But that is a little branch off the main that you</p> <p>14 actually isolated.</p> <p>15 A. Yes.</p> <p>16 Q. So is that telling you anything about the Station Walk</p> <p>17 main?</p> <p>18 A. From this map, you wouldn't be able to tell, but when</p> <p>19 you look at these maps, when you hover over the map, it</p> <p>20 highlights the whole asset. So every asset is split</p> <p>21 into what they call a pod, which is the number of that</p> <p>22 main. So it will highlight the start and the finish of</p> <p>23 that section of main.</p> <p>24 So if you were to hover that -- you're correct in</p> <p>25 what you are saying, in that little stub would be 12,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 55</p>
<p>1 A. Yes, yes, yes.</p> <p>2 Q. -- at that location?</p> <p>3 A. Yes.</p> <p>4 Q. So then in terms of the isolation point that you used on</p> <p>5 Station Walk, again, the bit we're concerned with is the</p> <p>6 stretch that goes down Station Walk, diagonal down this</p> <p>7 page from the top.</p> <p>8 You've got a little triangle at the top, again, at</p> <p>9 the corner point, the 75-degree angle point.</p> <p>10 A. Yes.</p> <p>11 Q. Again, what does that symbol tell you? Is it the same</p> <p>12 as what you just said in terms of --</p> <p>13 A. Yes, it's a change of diameter of pipe or material.</p> <p>14 Q. Change of diameter or material?</p> <p>15 A. Yes.</p> <p>16 Q. So it's not telling you definitely it's change of</p> <p>17 diameter?</p> <p>18 A. Something's happened at that point. It's a change of</p> <p>19 pipe size or change of pipe material.</p> <p>20 Q. Yes. And then it heads down.</p> <p>21 We have a zoomed-in part of Station Walk. That's</p> <p>22 the second page of this exhibit, if we can just go to</p> <p>23 that.</p> <p>24 So what we seem to be looking at now is right down</p> <p>25 the kind of bottom of Station Walk, towards</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 54</p>	<p>1 but if I was to hover the main which goes up towards the</p> <p>2 tower, that would also tell me the size of that main and</p> <p>3 the asset ID of that main, which was confirmed to be</p> <p>4 a 12-inch.</p> <p>5 Q. Do you remember hovering over that main on the night --</p> <p>6 A. Absolutely, yes.</p> <p>7 Q. -- and seeing 12-inch?</p> <p>8 A. Yes.</p> <p>9 Q. Did you personally do that?</p> <p>10 A. I did, yes.</p> <p>11 Q. I'm interested as to why -- I mean, these were maps that</p> <p>12 you actually e-mailed, we can see that from your second</p> <p>13 statement, you were e-mailing these maps to others for</p> <p>14 printing purposes, so we know these were the maps you</p> <p>15 used.</p> <p>16 Why wasn't there a screenshot closer to where your</p> <p>17 isolation point was further up Station Walk? Do you</p> <p>18 know why this screen shot was the one that was chosen?</p> <p>19 A. This one here was chosen for a couple of reasons. One,</p> <p>20 it shows -- again, like you say, if you hovered over it,</p> <p>21 it would tell you that it's a 12. And, secondly, that</p> <p>22 Latimer Road station, that's actually the name of the</p> <p>23 governor station.</p> <p>24 Q. Right.</p> <p>25 A. So if you can see the blue goes into the red, and that</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 56</p>

<p>1 is where the pressure is reduced. So this is actually</p> <p>2 the governor station which we highlighted, that's why we</p> <p>3 highlighted on that.</p> <p>4 Q. Why would you be highlighting the governor station?</p> <p>5 A. Because that there would give us a really good</p> <p>6 indication of where the main was because there's boxes</p> <p>7 on the floor, and that is quite a large area of where</p> <p>8 the in-ground pit is, so we'd know that's where the</p> <p>9 main's come out from the pressure reducing system for an</p> <p>10 indication of where to start excavating, looking for the</p> <p>11 main.</p> <p>12 Q. So this is a useful kind of point to locate</p> <p>13 yourselves --</p> <p>14 A. Correct, yes.</p> <p>15 Q. -- using this zoomed-in bit of the map?</p> <p>16 A. Absolutely. So, again, you know, we could have looked</p> <p>17 for the 12 slightly south where it says 63, we could've</p> <p>18 looked for it there, but we wouldn't have isolated</p> <p>19 because obviously it's coming out of the governor</p> <p>20 station. That's why we got there and that was our route</p> <p>21 to come out back up towards the tower.</p> <p>22 Q. So you say you knew that the main that we looked at</p> <p>23 immediately east of Grenfell Tower was a 15-inch main.</p> <p>24 A. Yes.</p> <p>25 Q. But you were hovering over this and seeing a 12-inch</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 57</p>	<p>1 Q. Just pausing there, I mean, how accurate are these maps</p> <p>2 when you're using them?</p> <p>3 A. They're pretty accurate. We do find sometimes some that</p> <p>4 are not quite so accurate, and when we do find things</p> <p>5 that are not accurate, we follow what's called our DR4</p> <p>6 process, so basically we log that so the mapping systems</p> <p>7 can get updated. So we have to go and do trial holes</p> <p>8 and confirm size, pipes, location, if they are in the</p> <p>9 road or in the path, what material it is, and then we</p> <p>10 update our systems accordingly. So these maps go back</p> <p>11 many, many years from years ago, from the initial</p> <p>12 database.</p> <p>13 Q. Just for completeness, I am going to take you to some</p> <p>14 exhibits to James Harrison's statement. So he gave</p> <p>15 a statement to the Met Police on 29 June.</p> <p>16 Can we just start by looking at JAH/10 which is</p> <p>17 MET00018302.</p> <p>18 He says in his statement that this was a copy of the</p> <p>19 map, this one, that the Cadent engineers had on the</p> <p>20 night. Just to make my point good, to the east of</p> <p>21 Grenfell Tower we can see a 15-inch diameter pipe very</p> <p>22 clearly marked; is that right?</p> <p>23 A. Correct, yes, and there's also a 12-inch to the south</p> <p>24 there as well.</p> <p>25 Q. Yes. I see. So you've got a 12-inch feeding into</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 59</p>
<p>1 main.</p> <p>2 Is it normal for pipes to go from narrower to</p> <p>3 broader as they go into a building or would you have</p> <p>4 expect the opposite?</p> <p>5 A. It's not uncommon, but, again, it's not that uncommon</p> <p>6 either. The configuration -- things change over the</p> <p>7 years. So if you look to the east of the building, the</p> <p>8 feed coming in now is only 180-mill. That pipe</p> <p>9 beforehand -- I haven't got access to them drawings --</p> <p>10 could have been a 15 coming in from that way. So the 15</p> <p>11 might have been coming in from that way and reducing</p> <p>12 back to the 12 that way. I don't know what the</p> <p>13 configuration of their maps were before that replacement</p> <p>14 happened.</p> <p>15 Q. So it wouldn't set any alarm bells ringing for you that</p> <p>16 on Station Walk you think you've got a 12-inch main, but</p> <p>17 then you know by the time you're coming back around the</p> <p>18 tower it's a 15-inch main?</p> <p>19 A. If that hadn't been replaced the other side, I'd maybe</p> <p>20 think about that. Because, like I said, there had been</p> <p>21 replacement, it didn't really ring any alarm bells. If</p> <p>22 anything, because it was a 12-inch coming out of the</p> <p>23 governor, you know, I would've thought the opposite,</p> <p>24 that that would potentially be a mistake on maps that's</p> <p>25 been entered wrong as a 15 when it should've been a 12.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 58</p>	<p>1 a 15-inch around the base?</p> <p>2 A. So where that bit is ended -- sorry, here (Indicates).</p> <p>3 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: You show us.</p> <p>4 A. This part here, that 12, there's nothing to say that</p> <p>5 years ago that didn't go back round to where that 12</p> <p>6 was. That could've been abandoned at some point. Why</p> <p>7 there's a cap end there, there could be all sorts of</p> <p>8 questions and answers as to why that is.</p> <p>9 So that's a 12 there, a 15 there and a 12 back round</p> <p>10 there. It's all a little bit, you know -- it could be</p> <p>11 an error on the maps or it could be that there's been</p> <p>12 something changed there over the years.</p> <p>13 Q. I mean, we see the 15-inch diameter pipe going up the</p> <p>14 east side, along the north and then coming off, and</p> <p>15 I think it remains -- it's hard to read -- a 15-inch on</p> <p>16 that little red writing there.</p> <p>17 A. Yes.</p> <p>18 Q. So we know at least that branch there is coming off as</p> <p>19 a 15-inch.</p> <p>20 A. Correct -- well, we never actually excavated around that</p> <p>21 part of the building.</p> <p>22 Q. So we still don't know if that is correct?</p> <p>23 A. No.</p> <p>24 Q. If we then look at JAH/1 which is MET00018311.</p> <p>25 To be clear, Mr Harrison has said that this shows</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 60</p>

<p>1 the mains and supply pipes as at the 14th but wasn't in 2 fact available on the night. He says it was produced 3 for the purposes of his police statement. 4 We see there we have 15-inch diameter coming up 5 around Grenfell Tower, up the -- and then down. 6 From your recollection, is that how it was marked on 7 the night? 8 A. No, I've never seen that on any mapping system marked as 9 a 15-inch from all the maps that I looked at on the 10 different devices on the night. Definitely not. 11 Q. At that time, when you were planning the operations, did 12 you consider the possibility that this was a 15-inch 13 main? 14 A. Again, I chose the location on the 12 for the reason 15 being that we could work on that 12 without having to 16 call in specialist contractors. Because once we go over 17 a 12-inch, we have to use specialist contractors to do 18 a flow-stop operation. So that's why I chose to work on 19 the 12 right by where the governor was, because if it's 20 where the governor is, you think that would be -- 21 Q. So did it occur to you at that time that might be 22 a 15-inch? 23 A. Not at all. 24 Q. Just finally on this topic and then we'll move on, on 25 the Cadent timeline that we looked at earlier -- if we</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 61</p>	<p>1 talk to the safety officers for the LFB, to make sure 2 they was happy with where we was going to work. To 3 identify how to get all of our vehicles, plant and 4 equipment near enough for us to work safely at the three 5 locations. 6 The one on Station Walk, it was actually a sterile 7 area which the London Ambulance Service were using. I'd 8 asked them if they could move it slightly for us so we 9 could get in there. Otherwise we'd have had to go back 10 further which would means more cut and cap. 11 So there was lots of communication and planning to 12 put into place before we confirmed with the LFB what our 13 action plan was. 14 Q. Were you satisfied at that point that the Cadent 15 personnel that had been on site since before your 16 arrival had done everything they could've been expected 17 to do up to that point? 18 A. Yes. 19 Q. So you deal with this in your witness statement, the 20 formulation of the plan and presenting it to the LFB. 21 Can we go to that, MET00012710, at paragraph 38 on 22 page 8. 23 You say: 24 "38. At around 08:50am, I went to speak with the 25 LFB again to discuss our proposed plan. It was</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 63</p>
<p>1 can bring that up, that's CAD00000002. 2 At item 102, 8.50 am. I think that's -- sorry, 3 page 4 of that exhibit, sorry. 4 Yes, if you can just highlight the very top box on 5 that page, item 102. 6 So this says: 7 " 08:50 Jason Allday explains the isolation plan to 8 LFB ..." 9 We'll come to that in a moment. It describes three 10 isolation points, and it says: 11 "... the third was at the rear of Blechynden Street 12 (12"/15" gas main)." 13 So at the time where you are saying it was 14 a 12-inch/15-inch gas main? 15 A. No. This was put together after, during the police 16 statement, so after the event. 17 Q. Okay. 18 So let's go back to the events of 14 June, and you 19 say, as per this timeline, 08.50, that you went to the 20 LFB to discuss your plan to isolate the three mains. 21 Can you just explain to us why it took until 08.50 22 to put that plan together, what you had to do to 23 formulate that plan? 24 A. It was the sheer time it took to get round the site, as 25 I call it, to find each location, to get through. To</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 62</p>	<p>1 difficult to speak with the LFB when we first arrived on 2 site. It was clear that the focus was not on Cadent and 3 that we were not, understandably, an immediate priority 4 for them. I went through the proposed plan with the LFB 5 and showed them the proposed isolation points on a map. 6 They confirmed that they were happy for us to carry out 7 excavations in the proposed locations. I liaised with 8 the LFB Safety Officers at each of the proposed 9 isolation points and communicated with the LFB 10 constantly whilst monitoring each of the proposed 11 isolation points." 12 Just pausing there and looking at that paragraph, 13 you say that turning off the gas had not been a priority 14 for the LFB up to that point and that that was 15 understandable. 16 Can you just explain why you thought that was 17 understandable at the time? 18 A. There were so many things going on. They was having 19 meetings in the command units, they was talking about 20 all sorts of stuff. I don't think that they thought 21 that getting the gas off at that exact moment was their 22 priority. They was obviously still dealing with the 23 fire, potentially getting people out the building. You 24 know, I didn't discuss any of that with them, but that 25 was their focus, putting their own plans in place,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 64</p>

<p>1 rather than us doing the isolations. That's why I went 2 to them, not waiting for them to come to us, because 3 again I knew that that gas would have to go off. 4 Q. Were you at this stage made aware of any frustrations on 5 the part of firefighters about the gas not having been 6 isolated? 7 A. No. 8 Q. Was anything said to you about the possibility of gas 9 fuelling or reigniting sections of the tower? 10 A. At this time, no. 11 Q. What about at any later stage? Did you ever have any 12 conversations with any firefighters where they were 13 expressing concern about the gas fuelling the fire? 14 A. Absolutely. Later in the day, I was informed a couple 15 of times that they could hear potential mini explosions, 16 which could be the meters getting to a point where the 17 gas in them is combusted. There was flames still coming 18 in certain areas which, where the risers went up in the 19 building, looked like they could be potentially burning 20 gas. 21 At some point later in the day, when it got a little 22 bit later, you could see the orange flames and the gas 23 flames in the flats. That is what was fuelling the 24 fire. 25 Q. You say you had a couple of conversations with</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 65</p>	<p>1 Q. Out of order in your statement? 2 A. Yeah. That is what we did between that first -- 3 Q. So once you've presented your plan to the LFB, what did 4 you do next? 5 A. So once we'd obviously identified where we were going to 6 do the isolations, I then had to look at all the 7 resource I had available. I got everybody back to the 8 muster point and then divided the people up into teams. 9 So I had repair teams there, I had JCB drivers there, 10 I had vacuum excavator plant there, mini excavators -- 11 I had lots of options, got them all there ready, so 12 I put them all into teams to work in the relevant 13 locations, and then trying to get them to those points, 14 bearing in mind there were fire engines, ambulances and 15 all sorts of other vehicles obstructing us from getting 16 to where these isolations were. 17 Q. We're going to come to that briefing that you did in 18 a moment. 19 You say that you requested something called 20 a network analysis. Can you explain what that is? 21 A. So a network analysis is similar to what we've seen with 22 all the mains in the whole area. It's a formality of 23 procedure that if you're going to isolate sections of 24 main, you need to know what impact that will have on the 25 network. So it's just a formality that you do when you</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 67</p>
<p>1 firefighters to that effect. Can you give us any idea 2 what time you were having those conversations in the 3 day? 4 A. I think it's in my statement, to be fair. 5 Q. I think we might come possibly to that in a moment, but 6 can you recall now when those conversations were? 7 A. When we were first concerned about the gas being alight? 8 Q. You said later in the day -- 9 A. Yes. 10 Q. You say not at that point -- 11 A. Yes. 12 Q. -- no one was talking to you about concerns about gas 13 fires burning, but later in the day you said they were. 14 Can you remember when -- 15 A. I think from 2/3 o'clock onwards it started to become 16 more of a conversation with the LFB of progress. 17 Q. You've explained that the LFB agreed your plan and that 18 between 8.50 am and 11.30 am you did a number of things. 19 First you say you walked the area with the level 6 20 network supervisor, Peter Baynard -- 21 A. Yes. 22 Q. -- and you found all these three isolation points. 23 So were you walking the area again once you 24 presented -- 25 A. No, I think that's maybe sort of come a bit --</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 66</p>	<p>1 do any procedure of flow-stopping mains over an 8-inch 2 and above, you have to do that as part of our 3 procedures. So it's basically just telling us what the 4 impact will be on the network, and there was no impact 5 to isolating the mains, other than lose supply to 6 Grenfell, which is what we wanted. 7 Q. You say that around midday you returned to the command 8 unit to say that you thought that cut-off was going to 9 take until 7.00 or 8.00 pm that evening. Can you 10 explain how you made that estimation as to how long it 11 was going to take? 12 A. So we've got to physically excavate enough ground to be 13 able to do these operations in. So you are looking at 14 holes that could be sort of like 3, 4, 5, 6 metres long, 15 down to a metre, a metre and a half deep with other 16 plant, cables, utilities in the way. We have to 17 excavate that some by hand, some by machines. 18 So generally if we was to go and do an isolation on 19 a main, it will take you pretty much all day to get the 20 excavations done. 21 So from previous experience, I just knew that we're 22 going to do three excavations in one day, so I was 23 trying to give an indicative time of how long it would 24 take to get them prepared. 25 Q. You've said in your statement the LFB obviously wanted</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 68</p>

<p>1 the supply of gas to be disconnected as soon as</p> <p>2 possible, but they understood that you were going to do</p> <p>3 your best to isolate is as quickly and safely as you</p> <p>4 could; is that right?</p> <p>5 A. Yes. Again, it's explaining to them what we have to do</p> <p>6 to. Again, unfortunately, it's not just like turning</p> <p>7 a valve off. It's actually isolating, excavating,</p> <p>8 flow-stopping, and they understood that, once</p> <p>9 I explained it to them, that's why it would take the</p> <p>10 time it would take.</p> <p>11 Q. What was their reaction when you first said it's going</p> <p>12 to take until 7.00 or 8.00 pm?</p> <p>13 A. "If you could do it quicker, then great." I said, "I've</p> <p>14 got the resources here, we'll go as quick as we can, but</p> <p>15 we can only work as quickly as -- in a safe manner as we</p> <p>16 can."</p> <p>17 Q. At that stage, did the LFB give you any explanation as</p> <p>18 to why they were wanting it quicker? Were there any</p> <p>19 particular concerns they had about gas at that stage?</p> <p>20 A. When we started?</p> <p>21 Q. You go back to the command unit around midday and you</p> <p>22 tell them it's going to be not cut off until the</p> <p>23 evening. Can you remember whether they said anything to</p> <p>24 you about particular concerns they had at that stage</p> <p>25 about the gas?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 69</p>	<p>1 sure they weren't going to see any hidden surprise, that</p> <p>2 they knew that they were up against, but at the same</p> <p>3 time I was there to support them with whatever they</p> <p>4 needed.</p> <p>5 Q. You say at that point you then deployed the teams to</p> <p>6 each of the three isolation points.</p> <p>7 You say in your statement that you deployed two</p> <p>8 repair teams to each of the three points. You've also</p> <p>9 said each team consisted of eight to ten individuals.</p> <p>10 Does that mean eight to ten individuals at each of</p> <p>11 the three points or --</p> <p>12 A. Correct, yes. So I had repair team leaders. I had six</p> <p>13 or maybe seven there. So two on each repair team,</p> <p>14 consists of two-man teams, then I had an additional</p> <p>15 resource which I could use to do whatever we needed them</p> <p>16 to do, basically. So there's repair team leaders at</p> <p>17 each location, experienced guys, and then the guys</p> <p>18 there, support workers as well, working underneath them.</p> <p>19 Q. What was your role? Once you'd deployed the teams to</p> <p>20 each of the three points, what were you then having to</p> <p>21 do?</p> <p>22 A. I was just overwatching all of them, keeping the Fire</p> <p>23 Brigade updated with communication, feeding back into</p> <p>24 Tony Day, you know, making sure that the guys were okay,</p> <p>25 having breaks, getting water, getting food, getting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 71</p>
<p>1 A. I just think that they mentioned that there were still</p> <p>2 fires burning on the higher floors, and they said they</p> <p>3 don't know whether that's the gas or not at that time.</p> <p>4 So it's just to take that out of the equation, to get</p> <p>5 the gas isolated.</p> <p>6 Q. Turning, then, to the briefing, you say what you did was</p> <p>7 you pulled everybody back to the muster point at 12.30</p> <p>8 and you gave them a briefing.</p> <p>9 Peter Baynard describes your briefing as</p> <p>10 "inspirational" in his statement.</p> <p>11 What did you say? I mean, what did you have to say</p> <p>12 to them at that point?</p> <p>13 A. Well, again, I think being at that training from</p> <p>14 Moreton-in-Marsh with the Fire Brigade, it was made</p> <p>15 quite clear to me there that when you go to an incident,</p> <p>16 you may see things, you may hear things, you may be</p> <p>17 working in situations where you might see things you</p> <p>18 might not want to see, and you're only there to deal</p> <p>19 with the gas and that's all you're there for. That's</p> <p>20 our priority: safeguard life and property.</p> <p>21 So I'd walked around. I'd seen some things which</p> <p>22 weren't very nice. I'd seen the whole entirety of what</p> <p>23 was going on. It was, you know, nothing I've ever seen</p> <p>24 before. So I just wanted to really prepare the guys</p> <p>25 that were going to go to work at these locations to make</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 70</p>	<p>1 everything they needed to make sure they worked</p> <p>2 comfortably. Anything they needed, make sure we could</p> <p>3 get it there for them.</p> <p>4 Q. Can you just describe in simple terms what each</p> <p>5 isolation had to involve?</p> <p>6 A. So we start with the 180-mill, so that's plastic,</p> <p>7 polyethylene. So with that one, we had to excavate</p> <p>8 enough pipe so that we could put -- we don't have to put</p> <p>9 inflatable bags, we squeeze the plastic with what we</p> <p>10 call squeeze-offs. They are clamps. So they squeeze</p> <p>11 the plastic, then we can cut a section out and put two</p> <p>12 caps on, and that basically is the plastic isolation.</p> <p>13 Q. So you call it a squeeze-off; is that like a tool?</p> <p>14 A. It's a big tool, which is a hydraulic jack, in essence,</p> <p>15 which pumps two clamps together and it clamps the</p> <p>16 plastic together, and that stops the flow of gas. So</p> <p>17 you have to do one each way, and once they're squeezed</p> <p>18 off, you check the pressures, and then we can put</p> <p>19 caps --</p> <p>20 Q. The plastic doesn't split or deform when you're doing</p> <p>21 that?</p> <p>22 A. The way that it's made, no. It's been designed and</p> <p>23 tested to be able to do that.</p> <p>24 Q. For the other mains that aren't polyethylene plastic,</p> <p>25 what's involved with those?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 72</p>

<p>1 A. So for the metallic ones, you have to, again, excavate, 2 get right the way around them, then we have a system 3 called a 312 bagging-off system, which basically in 4 essence is 3-inch to 12-inch mains, we have to put three 5 drillings either side of the cut, and then we insert 6 a bag in, you blow the bag up with air, which then 7 obviously seals inside the main, and that again stops 8 the flow of gas. 9 So you have to do six drillings, two bags each side 10 of the cut, and then once the bags are in and you've got 11 a good seal, we can cut the main and we can put caps on. 12 Q. So you're basically inflating a balloon inside the pipe? 13 A. Yes. 14 Q. So that balloon stops the gas and then you cap it? 15 A. Yes. So it's a special bag, it's a balloon inside like 16 a material bag which is especially for the gas, which 17 seals inside. 18 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: And you put three either side of the 19 cut? 20 A. Two bags either side of the cut, then another drilling 21 which basically they call a bypass over the top so that 22 we can monitor the gas either side of the cuts as well. 23 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Thank you. 24 MS GRANGE: In terms of the 180-mill point on Grenfell Road 25 and the 4-inch main at Testerton Walk, can we just look</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 73</p>	<p>1 It sounds from that that you faced a number of 2 challenges with the excavations; is that correct? 3 A. Yes, we did. It was getting access, like I say, close 4 enough. There was like an LFB pump parked right in the 5 middle. We did get quite a few moved, but this 6 particular one, they couldn't find the keys for, so we 7 had to wait for the keys to arrive before we could get 8 our vans past, and all of our safety equipment is in 9 there. 10 We did start carrying stuff down by hand and making 11 a start, but we used breakers, which are pneumatic, 12 which are run by air fed from the van, so we have to get 13 the vans close enough to get the breakers going. 14 Then the pump were feeding the water pumps, so we 15 had to get ramps made to get over the pumps so we 16 weren't stopping the water from getting up to where 17 they're obviously putting the fire out. 18 So we had lots of challenges just to get started. 19 Q. In terms of that 180-millimetre main in Grenfell Road, 20 you say in your statement the excavation commenced at 21 2.30 pm and you completed at about 8.00 pm; is that 22 right? 23 A. Correct, yes. 24 Q. Did you have any problems actually locating the main 25 when you were there?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 75</p>
<p>1 at your statement again. So if we go to MET00012710, at 2 page 10, paragraphs 47 and 48. 3 Can we zoom in on those. 4 So picking it up in the second line down of 47 you 5 say: 6 "... we faced further delays reaching the 180mm main 7 and 4" main sites (points 3 and 4 on the maps) because 8 of the restrictions. Both of these sites were situated 9 within the inner exclusion- safety cordon. 10 Unfortunately, the keys to one of the fire engines, 11 which had to be moved so that our machines could reach 12 the isolation point, had been taken back to the depot 13 when the fire officers were changing shifts. I 14 escalated this to a male LFB incident controller at 15 around 13:50 and he arranged for the keys to be returned 16 to the site so that the fire engine could be moved. 17 "48. Excavations on the 180mm main and the 4" main 18 commenced at approximately 14:30. Despite our best 19 efforts, none of our machinery could reach the site 20 where the 4" main was located and the team therefore had 21 to hand dig the ground to locate this main. The team 22 working on the 180mm main had to start the excavations 23 by hand because there were other cables identified in 24 the network. However, they were able to introduce a JCB 25 to complete the excavations."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 74</p>	<p>1 A. Which one, sorry? 2 Q. The 180-mill one at Grenfell Road. 3 A. No, no issue in locating the main there, no. 4 Q. In terms of the 4-inch main at Testerton Walk, this also 5 began, the excavation, you say, at 2.30 pm and also 6 completed about 8.00 pm; is that right? 7 A. That is correct, yes, bearing in mind we had to retreat 8 a couple of times away from the excavations. 9 Q. I am going to come to that in a moment, yes. 10 A. Right, okay. 11 Q. You've said that that had to be hand dug. How much 12 additional time do you think that hand digging added? 13 A. Again, I put additional resource onto that excavation, 14 so we did rotation. So I wouldn't have said a lot, to 15 be fair, they worked really hard, the lads, in 16 excavating that. They didn't stop. So we had plenty of 17 resource there to keep working on it. 18 Q. In terms of the main at Station Walk, you say that you 19 deployed a team to that so that excavations started 20 about 1.30 pm, but the team struggled to trace the pipe 21 and had to carry out five excavations before locating 22 it; is that right? 23 A. That's correct. Because we started the excavations from 24 the governor, looking from where -- because we knew it 25 would be coming out from that point, so we thought</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 76</p>

<p>1 that's going to be a great place. But the drawings were</p> <p>2 slightly different to how the configuration of the pipe</p> <p>3 came out, so we couldn't get a section long enough along</p> <p>4 the pipe to do a flow-stop.</p> <p>5 So we decided to jump over and go down a little bit</p> <p>6 further down Station Walk. That's why I think the</p> <p>7 locations are slightly out where we did the isolations.</p> <p>8 So we looked at one place -- so we had two or three</p> <p>9 excavations by the governor to look for it. We couldn't</p> <p>10 find enough pipe there. So then we thought it was</p> <p>11 underneath the wall, which we thought would be unsafe,</p> <p>12 to dig where the wall was. Then we moved further down</p> <p>13 before we actually found the top of the main. So we did</p> <p>14 spend a couple of hours excavating, looking for the</p> <p>15 asset.</p> <p>16 Q. Might that explain why we saw the zoomed-in map near the</p> <p>17 governor, because actually you were originally planning</p> <p>18 on excavating --</p> <p>19 A. Correct.</p> <p>20 Q. -- close to that?</p> <p>21 A. Yes.</p> <p>22 Q. But you had to get pushed up Station Walk?</p> <p>23 A. Correct, because it didn't come out the governor as the</p> <p>24 drawing showed, unfortunately.</p> <p>25 Q. Did you use any equipment such as radio signal detection</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 77</p>	<p>1 makes the asset become deeper in the ground, so it was</p> <p>2 at about 1.2 to 1.5.</p> <p>3 Q. You went deeper but you said you decided to proceed</p> <p>4 without shoring up the sides of the excavation as you</p> <p>5 didn't think there was going to be a collapse and you</p> <p>6 were keen to save time; is that right?</p> <p>7 A. Yes. Our standard procedure, again, is anything 1.2 to</p> <p>8 install trench support unless, down to 1.5, the ground</p> <p>9 is self-supporting and it looks stable, then we can</p> <p>10 still issue ourselves a permit to carry on excavation</p> <p>11 but we know we're working at a depth where we need to</p> <p>12 make sure that we always check -- any excavation, if</p> <p>13 there's unstable ground, you need to shore and support</p> <p>14 it.</p> <p>15 Q. Does the fact that the mains were deeper suggest this</p> <p>16 was an older pipe?</p> <p>17 A. Not necessarily.</p> <p>18 Q. Your team used a mini digger to excavate the ground as</p> <p>19 you weren't able to use something called a vacuum</p> <p>20 excavator that you normally use; is that right?</p> <p>21 A. Yes, so --</p> <p>22 Q. Can you explain the difference?</p> <p>23 A. So a mini excavator is a small machine with a small arm,</p> <p>24 a small bucket, which takes out ground steadily.</p> <p>25 A vacuum excavator is our new innovation equipment</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 79</p>
<p>1 to locate the cable?</p> <p>2 A. The cable or the main, gas main?</p> <p>3 Q. Sorry, to local the main.</p> <p>4 A. We did. Again, it's very hard sometimes to get a direct</p> <p>5 connection onto the actual piece of equipment you're</p> <p>6 trying to trace because there's lots of other plant and</p> <p>7 utilities in the ground now, and unfortunately they lay</p> <p>8 a lot of it over the gas. So sometimes you pick up</p> <p>9 a signal which you think is a really good signal for the</p> <p>10 gas main, and when you drop down you might find it's</p> <p>11 a cable that's been put in or some other part of some</p> <p>12 other utility. So we did use our CAT and Genny tracing</p> <p>13 equipment.</p> <p>14 Q. Does that equipment go into a more sensitive mode, are</p> <p>15 there different modes you can use?</p> <p>16 A. If you can get a direct connection on, then definitely,</p> <p>17 yes.</p> <p>18 Q. I see, yes.</p> <p>19 You also say that the pipe was deeper within the</p> <p>20 ground than you had anticipated. You've said 1.2 to</p> <p>21 1.5 metres. Is that how deep it ended up being?</p> <p>22 A. That's correct, yes. Normally you'd expect it to be in</p> <p>23 between 600 and a metre as an average depth of pipes,</p> <p>24 but they all vary so much. Ground build-up, people --</p> <p>25 everything changes. So sometimes building up the ground</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 78</p>	<p>1 which we're using now, which actually is like a big</p> <p>2 Hoover. So a big pipe comes over and we have something</p> <p>3 called an air lance which fires high-pressured air into</p> <p>4 the ground, which loosens the ground and then this</p> <p>5 actually sucks the ground out. So for safety reasons,</p> <p>6 we don't hit other plant, cables, and we can excavate</p> <p>7 a lot quicker with that than we can by hand.</p> <p>8 Unfortunately I couldn't get that machine close</p> <p>9 enough due to other restrictions.</p> <p>10 Q. So was it slower using the mini digger than it would've</p> <p>11 been with the --</p> <p>12 A. It was a little bit slower, but what we did was once we</p> <p>13 started and once we identified the depth of it, we</p> <p>14 pulled a JCB in, which is a bigger digger and it can</p> <p>15 excavate ground quicker.</p> <p>16 MS GRANGE: I'm about to turn to a different topic, which is</p> <p>17 about entry into the basement. I think if we have</p> <p>18 a break now, there is a good chance I can finish this</p> <p>19 morning.</p> <p>20 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Well, you take whatever time you</p> <p>21 need.</p> <p>22 MS GRANGE: So I think a 10-minute break now.</p> <p>23 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: I think Mr Allday would like a bit</p> <p>24 of a break now.</p> <p>25 We'll have another break, Mr Allday. No discussing</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 80</p>

<p>1 your evidence, please, with anyone else while you're out</p> <p>2 of the room. We'll start again at 12.05.</p> <p>3 THE WITNESS: Okay.</p> <p>4 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Thank you very much.</p> <p>5 Good, 12.05, please. Thank you.</p> <p>6 (11.55 am)</p> <p>7 (A short break)</p> <p>8 (12.05 pm)</p> <p>9 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: All right? Ready to carry on?</p> <p>10 THE WITNESS: Yes, okay.</p> <p>11 MS GRANGE: Thank you, Mr Allday.</p> <p>12 So while these excavations were happening to the</p> <p>13 three isolation points, the LFB asked you to go into the</p> <p>14 basement of the tower to see if your teams could turn</p> <p>15 off the gas from there; that's right, isn't it?</p> <p>16 A. That's correct.</p> <p>17 Q. You say they asked you around 2.00 pm; is that right?</p> <p>18 A. Around that time, yes.</p> <p>19 Q. Was this the first time you were asked to go in?</p> <p>20 A. It was, yes.</p> <p>21 Q. Was it the first time you were asked to get close to the</p> <p>22 tower at all?</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p> <p>24 Q. You say in your statement that it was the first real</p> <p>25 push you had from the LFB to get the gas off. You say</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 81</p>	<p>1 A. Yes? And the sub-basement door was on the east side.</p> <p>2 Q. Yes.</p> <p>3 A. So there was so much debris, like a good couple of --</p> <p>4 3-foot of debris on the floor which had fallen down, and</p> <p>5 it was still falling.</p> <p>6 So the answer to the question is: no, we hadn't</p> <p>7 thought of going in because of what was going on.</p> <p>8 Q. Can we just look at what you say in your statement about</p> <p>9 this. So if we can go to your statement -- that's</p> <p>10 MET00012710 -- at paragraph 53 on page 11.</p> <p>11 You say:</p> <p>12 "53. The fire was still burning at this point and I</p> <p>13 believe that the LFB thought that the gas may be feeding</p> <p>14 some of the fire inside the building. The LFB were</p> <p>15 becoming increasingly concerned about the structure of</p> <p>16 the building. I asked Andy if it was safe to enter the</p> <p>17 tower and told him that if his officers were prepared to</p> <p>18 go in, that I would follow them to assess the situation.</p> <p>19 I was not prepared to send my men into the tower until I</p> <p>20 had carried out a risk assessment. Andy understood that</p> <p>21 decision."</p> <p>22 When you refer there to Andy, do you know who that</p> <p>23 Andy is that you're referring to?</p> <p>24 A. Again, I can't remember his surname.</p> <p>25 Q. Don't worry, that's fine.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 83</p>
<p>1 that in paragraph 54 of your statement.</p> <p>2 Can you explain what you mean by that?</p> <p>3 A. I could feel from the conversations they wanted to get</p> <p>4 the gas isolated as quick as they can. I think they'd</p> <p>5 identified that the gas was burning in some of the</p> <p>6 floors, so they said, "Is there any quicker way?" We</p> <p>7 discussed that there are valves in the basement, so they</p> <p>8 asked if it was possible to go in to see if we could</p> <p>9 isolate the valves within the basement for the risers.</p> <p>10 Q. Was that the first time that you considered going into</p> <p>11 the basement?</p> <p>12 A. Yes.</p> <p>13 Q. Is there a reason you didn't ask to go in any earlier</p> <p>14 during that morning while you were planning the other</p> <p>15 operations?</p> <p>16 A. Yes. When I was walking around, again, we could see the</p> <p>17 debris which was falling from the building all around</p> <p>18 the side where the gas was, because the gas was</p> <p>19 predominantly on this side of the building.</p> <p>20 Q. When you say "on this side" --</p> <p>21 A. On the south side.</p> <p>22 Q. Are you sure it was on the south side?</p> <p>23 A. If you're looking at the building from the front</p> <p>24 entrance, we was this side.</p> <p>25 Q. Right, okay.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 82</p>	<p>1 When you say you believe that the LFB thought the</p> <p>2 fires were still feeding the fire inside the building,</p> <p>3 did they specifically say that to you, "We think there</p> <p>4 are gas fires feeding the fire in the building"?</p> <p>5 A. Yes, yes.</p> <p>6 Q. So that wasn't just your assumption; that was what they</p> <p>7 said?</p> <p>8 A. No, they said, yes.</p> <p>9 Q. You say that you agreed to go in and that the purpose</p> <p>10 was to check if it was safe for your team to go in; is</p> <p>11 that right?</p> <p>12 A. Yes. I wouldn't have sent everybody in. I just wanted</p> <p>13 to see if it was safe to send a couple of guys down to</p> <p>14 isolate these valves in the sub-basement.</p> <p>15 Q. You've said that access to the basement was delayed</p> <p>16 because the LFB had to get a key to the basement.</p> <p>17 Did you think that it was Cadent's responsibility to</p> <p>18 try and get access to that basement any earlier?</p> <p>19 A. No.</p> <p>20 Q. Did you consider it necessary to try and obtain plans</p> <p>21 for the basement before you went in?</p> <p>22 A. No, because I spoke to Pat Kelly who told me -- he'd</p> <p>23 already informed me where the gas risers were within</p> <p>24 that building.</p> <p>25 Q. So you didn't feel there was any need for you to have</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 84</p>

<p>1 a plan. Was that because you thought --</p> <p>2 A. Because I knew where they were and, secondly, I didn't</p> <p>3 think I'd ever be going in there, to be honest.</p> <p>4 Q. When you say you knew where they were, where was that</p> <p>5 exactly?</p> <p>6 A. In the basement?</p> <p>7 Q. Yes.</p> <p>8 A. In the corners, that's where the four risers went up.</p> <p>9 Q. So you knew to look in the corners; is that right?</p> <p>10 A. Yes.</p> <p>11 Q. So you weren't concerned about the layout of the</p> <p>12 basement or identifying them before you went in?</p> <p>13 A. Again, Pat Kelly was on site with me and he was quite</p> <p>14 confident that he knew where they were because he had</p> <p>15 been in there, so there was no concern for that.</p> <p>16 Q. You say you actually entered the basement at about</p> <p>17 3.30 pm on the 14th, so that was nearly two hours after</p> <p>18 being asked to do so by the LFB.</p> <p>19 What were the reasons for the delays in getting in?</p> <p>20 You've talked already about the key. Was there anything</p> <p>21 else that needed to happen before you went in?</p> <p>22 A. So the key was quite a timely delay. Secondly, it was,</p> <p>23 again, formulating a bit of a risk assessment and</p> <p>24 putting things into place and agreeing that with the</p> <p>25 Fire Brigade about how we were going to enter, because</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 85</p>	<p>1 thought it was on the east side.</p> <p>2 A. East side was the only door going into the sub-basement.</p> <p>3 Q. As to the conditions in that basement, can you just</p> <p>4 describe for us what it was like down there when you got</p> <p>5 down?</p> <p>6 A. So it was quite dark at first. There was natural light</p> <p>7 coming from behind us. There was a lot of water pouring</p> <p>8 in, as you can imagine from what had gone onto the</p> <p>9 tower.</p> <p>10 A couple of the firefighters went in first. They</p> <p>11 stepped down and I could see that there was water. So</p> <p>12 I sort of gauged by how big they were -- I only had my</p> <p>13 ankle boots and PPE on and trousers, but I stepped in</p> <p>14 and it came up to about my knee, just below my knee.</p> <p>15 As soon as I turned around the corner, I could see</p> <p>16 the first riser in the corner, and then we started to</p> <p>17 walk around. Then I noticed that there was like power</p> <p>18 units with lights still on. So for me, straight away,</p> <p>19 the electric was on in the building. I asked the Fire</p> <p>20 Brigade if it had been isolated and they said no.</p> <p>21 I said it wasn't really a good mix us stood in this</p> <p>22 water with all that electric in there.</p> <p>23 So at that point -- I had visually made contact with</p> <p>24 a couple of the risers, but I overheard on the radio</p> <p>25 a command from the command unit, I'm assuming, that the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 87</p>
<p>1 there was stuff still falling from the building.</p> <p>2 Q. You talk about doing a dynamic risk assessment, so you</p> <p>3 actually formally did a risk assessment before you went</p> <p>4 in, did you?</p> <p>5 A. Not wrote down but in my head, yes.</p> <p>6 Q. How long do you think it took you to do that risk</p> <p>7 assessment?</p> <p>8 A. 15/20 minutes.</p> <p>9 Q. You went in with Patrick Kelly from Cadent; is that</p> <p>10 right?</p> <p>11 A. Yes, I wasn't first aware that Patrick was coming in</p> <p>12 with me until I turned around and saw that he was there.</p> <p>13 Q. And three LFB officers; is that right?</p> <p>14 A. Maybe four.</p> <p>15 Q. All right. Okay.</p> <p>16 A. Because they were holding riot shields above our heads</p> <p>17 to get to the door.</p> <p>18 Q. I was about to ask you about that. So in order to get</p> <p>19 to the basement, you had to be shielded from the falling</p> <p>20 debris; is that right?</p> <p>21 A. Correct, yes.</p> <p>22 Q. By policemen with riot shields or --</p> <p>23 A. It was the LFB. I think the statement is wrong there.</p> <p>24 It says the police, but it was the LFB.</p> <p>25 Q. You say you used a side entrance. I think you said you</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 86</p>	<p>1 building was declared unsafe, everybody to get out, so</p> <p>2 we got out straight away.</p> <p>3 Q. So you said you realised when you were down there that</p> <p>4 the electricity was on. Did the LFB have torches as</p> <p>5 well?</p> <p>6 A. They did, yes.</p> <p>7 Q. Did that help you identify the gas risers?</p> <p>8 A. Yes, because we looked up -- we was always looking up</p> <p>9 because it's high, it's like 10/12-foot high in the</p> <p>10 basement where the risers come in.</p> <p>11 Q. You've also set that the gas boiler lights were on.</p> <p>12 Does that mean that the boilers were still on?</p> <p>13 A. Not necessarily because there was a large supply going</p> <p>14 into the basement -- on the maps it says it was</p> <p>15 a 10-inch which goes in, which was for the communal</p> <p>16 heating and hot water, and then the risers were for</p> <p>17 cooking or whatever. So there was a big boiler in the</p> <p>18 basement, I believe, which fed all of the hot water and</p> <p>19 heating to the tower and the three fingers which came</p> <p>20 away from it as well.</p> <p>21 Q. You also say that you couldn't see any spindles to turn</p> <p>22 these risers off as you looked up.</p> <p>23 A. I could see the valves; I couldn't see the handles to</p> <p>24 turn them off.</p> <p>25 Q. So can you just explain the difference?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 88</p>

1 A. So the valve is in line in the pipe and it will have
 2 a little spindle sticking up, and that's what operates
 3 to open and close the valve, that turns. So there's
 4 different types of key that can turn off. There could
 5 be a wheel which sits on it which you just turn,
 6 a wheel. There could be a spindle which come off which
 7 you can turn that by hand from higher or lower down,
 8 depending how the valves installed. Or you can use
 9 a pair of grips, basically, to turn it off if all else
 10 fails. So that's how the valve's made up, that's how
 11 you operate it.
 12 Q. You could see valves but not spindles?
 13 A. I could see the valves, I could see the spindles on the
 14 top, but there wasn't a wheel or anything to turn it
 15 with in the basement on the two that I saw.
 16 Q. Suppose you could've got up there with a ladder and
 17 started, how would you have had to do it in those
 18 circumstances?
 19 A. I would've asked the lads on site if they had a wheel in
 20 their van. They're called triple five valves. If any
 21 of them had a wheel to use -- if not, we'd have used
 22 grips.
 23 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Is it just a square-headed spindle?
 24 A. Just a square-headed spindle, sir, yes.
 25 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: So you were actually equipped to

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1 operate the valve if only by the use of some grips?
 2 A. Correct. But the bigger valve for the 10-inch, that one
 3 was not quite so accessible.
 4 MS GRANGE: You said just a moment ago that at that point
 5 you got a call from the LFB that everyone had to get out
 6 and evacuate. I'm going to read a passage from your
 7 statement in a moment about that.
 8 Before that happened, how long do you think you'd
 9 been in the basement for before you were told to get
 10 out?
 11 A. Only a few minutes, yes. 3/4 minutes, maybe 5.
 12 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Sorry, would you mind if I follow up
 13 one thing?
 14 MS GRANGE: No, no, of course.
 15 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: You said the valve on the 10-inch
 16 was not so accessible. Was there a separate valve on
 17 the incoming 10-inch pipe which, if closed, would shut
 18 off the gas to everything in the building?
 19 A. No, because the 10-inch was an independent supply which
 20 was feeding the communal --
 21 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Oh, it was just for the boiler.
 22 A. Communal stuff. The smaller ones were coming in which
 23 were the risers going up through the building.
 24 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: And they were independent?
 25 A. Correct.

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1 MS GRANGE: This is an important point. So my understanding
 2 is the risers that go up are for gas for cooking
 3 purposes.
 4 A. Yes, I don't know the building inside. There may have
 5 been some used for heating separately, but they did have
 6 communal hot water and heating from that main boiler
 7 downstairs.
 8 Q. But there were boilers both in that building and other
 9 buildings that were served by a different gas system?
 10 A. Yes.
 11 Q. Yes.
 12 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, thank you.
 13 MS GRANGE: We're going to come to that in a moment,
 14 actually.
 15 So if we can go back to your statement -- that's
 16 MET00012710 -- at paragraph 56, which is on page 12.
 17 You say this, about halfway down:
 18 "Before I could look any further, the LFB officers
 19 received a message via their radio control instructing
 20 us to retreat from the basement. I overheard the
 21 command 'All out, all out, all out' and confirmed with
 22 the LFB officer that this meant that we had to evacuate
 23 the building. As I was coming out of the basement, I
 24 saw other LFB officers leaving the building and saw the
 25 third 2" riser and the gas supply to the communal

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1 boiler. I also saw that the electricity in the basement
 2 was still live and immediately retreated from the
 3 building because they were concerned that the building
 4 would collapse. All the fire officers who were in the
 5 tower at the time had to retreat from the building."
 6 So just hovering on that for a moment, as you
 7 exited, you saw that third 2-inch riser; is that right?
 8 A. Yes.
 9 Q. So you identified three of the four while you were in
 10 there?
 11 A. Yes.
 12 Q. Again, was that at high level?
 13 A. It was, yes.
 14 Q. As with the other two.
 15 You also say -- this is the point we were just on --
 16 you could see the gas supply to the communal boilers.
 17 Again, was that at low level?
 18 A. So it was high level as well, yeah.
 19 Q. Just to clarify, if you turned off the supply to the
 20 communal boilers, would that have helped turn off the
 21 gas to the risers?
 22 A. No.
 23 Q. So you had to do both things --
 24 A. Yes.
 25 Q. -- if you were going to turn it off.

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<p>1 You also say this at paragraph 57, it's on the same 2 page: 3 "57. If we were to have isolated the supplies in 4 the basement, we would have had to take ladders down to 5 the basement for the team to reach the valves and 6 disconnect the supply of gas through the risers. 7 Unfortunately, turning off the valves on the risers was 8 not something that I could have done during the short 9 period of time that I was inside the building. I 10 estimate that it would have taken a team of 11 approximately four men working inside the basement, with 12 someone from the LFB to accompany the team, up to an 13 hour to turn off the valves on the risers. Regardless 14 of this, the live electricity and water in the basement 15 was a real risk to life and I was not prepared to send 16 any engineers back into the basement." 17 Again, just pausing there on that. 18 In your experience, is it normal for the isolation 19 points on these kind of gas risers, these riser 20 branches, to be so hard to access? 21 A. It's the way the building was made up. The sub-basement 22 went down, the supplies come in at high level because 23 they're in the ground, so they're not -- I wouldn't say 24 that they was the actual isolation valves, they would be 25 more of an in line valve for construction purposes. The</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 93</p>	<p>1 A. It was a him. I don't recall his name, but I recall him 2 telling me they had lasers on it and there was movement 3 on the building. 4 Q. Did you discuss with him whether it might be possible to 5 get back in the basement at that stage? 6 A. With the structural engineer, no. 7 Q. At 8.15 pm that evening, the LFB asked you if you would 8 go back into the basement to shut the gas off again. 9 At that point you say you didn't think it was safe 10 for your teams; is that right? 11 A. Yes, it wasn't safe at all to go in there. 12 Q. Is that because of structural instability in the tower? 13 A. It was a number of things: the structure of the 14 building, the water in the basement, the electric was 15 still on, there was a number of factors there which 16 outweighed us being able to go in there safely. 17 Q. Tony Day, your line manager, says in his statement that 18 he instructed you not to go back in the basement because 19 the electricity hadn't been isolated. Was it his 20 instruction or was it your decision not to go back in? 21 A. So the LFB requested, and obviously I didn't feel 22 comfortable with it, so I had a hierarchy there which 23 I used. I spoke to Tony and he said no, basically, he 24 made the decision for us. 25 Q. At any point did you consider whether it would be worth</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 95</p>
<p>1 actual isolation valve would've been just outside the 2 building. That's what we always would've gone for 3 first. 4 Q. So you'd normally go, as we established earlier, for the 5 PIVs, the pipeline isolation valves outside the tower, 6 just outside the perimeter. 7 A. Yes. 8 Q. So these aren't the ones you are normally expecting to 9 use; is that right? 10 A. Correct. They were not accessible. I've been to quite 11 a few fires and been there for the response of gas, and 12 I don't think I've ever been into a building before to 13 even go and look for them. It was something we made 14 a decision -- because of what was going on, we thought 15 that would be a good decision to make. But we wouldn't 16 normally go in to even look for them valves in 17 a building that's on fire. 18 Q. After you came out, you say in your statement you were 19 told by a structural engineer that there had been some 20 unacceptable movement in the building; is that right? 21 A. That correct. 22 Q. Did you speak to that engineer directly? 23 A. I did, yes. 24 Q. Did you have any conversation with him about -- sorry, 25 was it a him?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 94</p>	<p>1 discussing the risk with a structural engineer? 2 A. No. 3 Q. Or discussing whether the electricity could be turned 4 off? 5 A. We asked if the electric was going to be turned off and 6 we were told it was in progress, but I never found out 7 whether that got done or not. We were more 8 concentrating now on -- we were well into our isolations 9 to get these done. 10 Q. Did you think any of that was a practical option for 11 you? 12 A. To go back in? 13 Q. Yes. 14 A. I don't think so, no. 15 Q. Had your team been able to get into the basement earlier 16 in the day, do you think you might have been able to 17 turn the gas off quicker? 18 A. Again, I would've requested for the electric to be 19 isolated. Again, once I knew that was on, I would've 20 requested them -- I don't know how long it would've 21 taken them to turn that electric off. So I wasn't 22 willing to wait for that on an unknown; I'd rather have 23 continued with our isolation process, which is the 24 decision we made and stuck to. 25 Q. I've now got some questions about -- you're working</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 96</p>

<p>1 inside the inner cordon. So shortly after you exited</p> <p>2 the basement, the inner safety cordon was moved and you</p> <p>3 say it was extended so that it covered a wider area; is</p> <p>4 that right?</p> <p>5 A. That correct.</p> <p>6 Q. You say the effect of that was that the isolation points</p> <p>7 at Testerton Walk and Grenfell Road were now inside the</p> <p>8 inner cordon; is that right?</p> <p>9 A. They were, yes.</p> <p>10 Q. So is it right that you decided to pull the teams out at</p> <p>11 that point?</p> <p>12 A. We was asked to get them away from the excavations at</p> <p>13 that point by the LFB.</p> <p>14 Q. You say that at 4.30, you, Tony Day and James Harrison</p> <p>15 went to see the LFB and you asked if your operatives</p> <p>16 could return to the Testerton Walk and Grenfell Road</p> <p>17 points because you wanted to agree a safe way of</p> <p>18 working; is that right?</p> <p>19 A. That's right, yes.</p> <p>20 Q. You say that you eventually agreed that your team could</p> <p>21 return with LFB spotters watching for signs that the</p> <p>22 tower was structurally unsafe; is that right?</p> <p>23 A. That's correct.</p> <p>24 Q. How finely balanced do you think that decision was in</p> <p>25 terms of allowing you back in to keep going?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 97</p>	<p>1 A. I think we agreed to continue to work between ourselves.</p> <p>2 You know, we were that close, to pull out again for</p> <p>3 a duration of time was only going to delay the</p> <p>4 isolation. So, you know, if I was told I had to go, we</p> <p>5 would've gone, but we was that involved and that</p> <p>6 engrossed in getting the isolations completed, we agreed</p> <p>7 on a way of continuing to work under the safe system of</p> <p>8 work that we'd already put in place.</p> <p>9 Q. So it's paragraph 62 of your witness statement on</p> <p>10 page 13, if we can zoom in on that.</p> <p>11 So there you receive the information that the</p> <p>12 building was unsafe and the teams had to retreat from</p> <p>13 the excavation site again. You say:</p> <p>14 "I was feeling the pressure to isolate the gas</p> <p>15 quickly and knew that we needed to continue with the</p> <p>16 excavations to locate the mains. I discussed the</p> <p>17 situation with Tony Day. Tony could see that we were</p> <p>18 close to finishing the excavations, with approximately</p> <p>19 an hour's work left to complete, and agreed that we</p> <p>20 could continue with the work. The LFB was satisfied</p> <p>21 with this decision and we kept them updated with our</p> <p>22 progress and ongoing dynamic risk assessment."</p> <p>23 A. Yes. So it wasn't that I said that I wasn't going to</p> <p>24 pull out; I wanted to be strong and continue the work</p> <p>25 and get it completed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 99</p>
<p>1 A. Again, it was communication with the LFB, because at</p> <p>2 first they said you work under your own safety systems,</p> <p>3 but we weren't prepared to work there because they were</p> <p>4 the primary responders there, so we were working under</p> <p>5 their exclusion zone inside there.</p> <p>6 So we came up with a plan of having a radio contact</p> <p>7 so everyone could see where we were working, and if</p> <p>8 there were any signs of collapse or anything like that,</p> <p>9 then -- we actually had fire officers stood right next</p> <p>10 to us and then some a few metres away and a few metres</p> <p>11 away, so they were actually watching us and watching the</p> <p>12 building to give us a little bit of support if anything</p> <p>13 happened to get us out of there quickly.</p> <p>14 Q. You say that at 5.20 that afternoon your repair teams</p> <p>15 began working again on Testerton Walk and Grenfell Road,</p> <p>16 but then at 6.20 the LFB again said the building was</p> <p>17 unsafe and told you to retreat; is that right?</p> <p>18 A. That's correct.</p> <p>19 Q. You say in your statement you wouldn't pull out at that</p> <p>20 point; is that right?</p> <p>21 A. Have we got that bit? I'm not sure about that.</p> <p>22 Q. We can find it in your statement. You say that you</p> <p>23 wouldn't pull out because you didn't want to stop, so</p> <p>24 you did a dynamic risk assessment and you decided</p> <p>25 that --</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 98</p>	<p>1 Q. Yes. Understood.</p> <p>2 It sounds like these were quite tense moments on</p> <p>3 site in terms of whether you were going to be carrying</p> <p>4 on working; is that right?</p> <p>5 A. It was very tense, yes.</p> <p>6 Q. Turning then to the completion of the isolations, at</p> <p>7 8.00 pm the mains at both Testerton Walk and</p> <p>8 Grenfell Road were cut and capped -- we talked about</p> <p>9 that earlier -- but the gas was still not cut on Station</p> <p>10 Walk.</p> <p>11 As to that, in terms of the timings, you say that</p> <p>12 your team exposed the pipe at 9.30 pm but then</p> <p>13 discovered that the pipe was a 15-inch, not a 12-inch</p> <p>14 main.</p> <p>15 You say that isolating a 15-inch pipe -- you</p> <p>16 mentioned this earlier -- is a non-routine operation and</p> <p>17 that you would ordinarily require the attendance of your</p> <p>18 pipeline maintenance centre; is that right?</p> <p>19 A. Yes.</p> <p>20 Q. They are called PMC. Why are they needed for a 15-inch</p> <p>21 main?</p> <p>22 A. So as I explained earlier, our flow-stopping equipment</p> <p>23 is 312, 3-inch to 12-inch, that's the standard sizes.</p> <p>24 After a 12-inch -- so a 12-inch is a routine operation</p> <p>25 which we can carry out ourselves. Anything that's over</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 100</p>

<p>1 a 12-inch is a non-routine operation, and therefore it</p> <p>2 has slightly different equipment to be used to do the</p> <p>3 isolations. So that's why we use a contractor to do</p> <p>4 that. It's a slightly different skill set. So we're</p> <p>5 trained up to do anything up to 12-inch there and then.</p> <p>6 On anything bigger than that, we do have to get</p> <p>7 a specialist contractor in.</p> <p>8 Q. So it's a more complex operation for 15-inch?</p> <p>9 A. It works on the same -- basically it's the same method,</p> <p>10 but it's larger bags, we put nitrogen in the bags rather</p> <p>11 than air because of the size of the bags, so we're not</p> <p>12 getting an air/gas mixture should one of the bags</p> <p>13 deflate or burst inside the main. So it's a little bit</p> <p>14 more safety conscious.</p> <p>15 We're doing bigger mains. The cutting equipment is</p> <p>16 slightly different. Just when you jump up above 12,</p> <p>17 it's a little bit -- it is more complex.</p> <p>18 Q. Is it more dangerous if you don't get it right?</p> <p>19 A. It's not any more -- when you're working on gas, it's</p> <p>20 got to be safe, it's got to be right anyway, so the</p> <p>21 risks are exactly the same and the hazards are the same,</p> <p>22 but that is our procedure, that is our policy that we've</p> <p>23 always worked to, National Grid, Cadent.</p> <p>24 Q. You say that to get your pipeline maintenance centre</p> <p>25 out, they normally requires six hours' notice under the</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 101</p>	<p>1 Q. Just going back to what you said earlier, you said that</p> <p>2 you deliberately chose the 12-inch site because that was</p> <p>3 something you could do within a routine operation, and</p> <p>4 it didn't occur to you that it was a 15-inch site at</p> <p>5 that time.</p> <p>6 But given that maps can be wrong sometimes, and</p> <p>7 given that changes in diameter can occur as we saw from</p> <p>8 some of the maps, do you think you ought to have</p> <p>9 considered the possibility that it was a 15-inch main</p> <p>10 earlier?</p> <p>11 A. I don't think so, no, because the maps that we've seen,</p> <p>12 it shows the 12-inch coming out the governor, it shows</p> <p>13 the 12-inch coming out of there. We picked a location</p> <p>14 where there was 12-inch pipe. We had had -- one of the</p> <p>15 teams had worked on the 12-inch further back and</p> <p>16 confirmed it was a 12-inch, so at the time there was</p> <p>17 nothing to indicate to me the section of pipe we were</p> <p>18 working on was a 15.</p> <p>19 I mean, that distance from the governor to where it</p> <p>20 shows the 15, you're talking 100 to 120 metres away. So</p> <p>21 it's showing you that much 12-inch pipe in the ground --</p> <p>22 there's nothing to make me believe or understand that</p> <p>23 that could've been any bigger. So, no.</p> <p>24 Q. Just one more question on this: do you think in any</p> <p>25 event it might have been prudent to contact PMC earlier</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 103</p>
<p>1 agreement you have with them; is that right?</p> <p>2 A. Their SLA is to attend any emergency within 6 hours.</p> <p>3 Bearing in mind that we would still do the excavation</p> <p>4 work for them, we'd get the pipe prepared, we'd get all</p> <p>5 the ground out, so that 6 hours gives us ample time to</p> <p>6 get the excavation complete so that when they arrive,</p> <p>7 they can set to work quickly.</p> <p>8 Q. The timeline shows that you called for PMC at 10.30 pm.</p> <p>9 Can you explain why it took an hour? After discovering</p> <p>10 at 9.30 that it was a 15-inch main, why would it have</p> <p>11 taken an hour to call PMC?</p> <p>12 A. Because what we did was we had a discussion on site,</p> <p>13 myself, Neale Milam and a couple of the teams, if there</p> <p>14 was another option that we could potentially do</p> <p>15 a temporary isolation to isolate the supply going into</p> <p>16 the tower.</p> <p>17 So we spent a little bit of time talking about that</p> <p>18 first and we came up with an idea and a solution which</p> <p>19 we did. Once we done that, we thought of that, that's</p> <p>20 when I contacted them straight away then to mobilise</p> <p>21 them to get them to site.</p> <p>22 Q. You say that had you known earlier that it was a 15-inch</p> <p>23 diameter pipe, you could've called PMC earlier; is that</p> <p>24 right?</p> <p>25 A. Of course, yes.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 102</p>	<p>1 just because of the possibility that it might not be</p> <p>2 that diameter and it might be a bigger one?</p> <p>3 A. It didn't come across my mind, no.</p> <p>4 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Can I just ask you, you said one of</p> <p>5 the team had worked on the pipe further back and</p> <p>6 confirmed it was a 12-inch --</p> <p>7 A. In Bramley Road. So where it came out of the governor,</p> <p>8 that branch which you spoke about earlier where it said</p> <p>9 the 12-inch, that 12-inch turned and went down Bramley</p> <p>10 Road, and someone had worked on it and proved it was</p> <p>11 a 12-inch in Bramley Road.</p> <p>12 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Thank you.</p> <p>13 MS GRANGE: Do you want to go back to that map?</p> <p>14 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: It might be helpful.</p> <p>15 MS GRANGE: CAD00003015, page 2 is the zoomed-in version.</p> <p>16 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.</p> <p>17 A. So this goes down and goes down into Bramley Road. So</p> <p>18 this Latimer Road runs into Bramley Road. So that's the</p> <p>19 12-inch there and that continues down into Bramley Road</p> <p>20 (Indicates).</p> <p>21 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Right.</p> <p>22 A. That had been worked on and confirmed as a 12-inch.</p> <p>23 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, thank you very much.</p> <p>24 MS GRANGE: So in the event, as you said, you and Tony Day,</p> <p>25 in conjunction with James Harrison, took the decision to</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 104</p>

1 overinflate a 12-inch bag in an attempt to block the
 2 15-inch pipe; is that correct?
 3 **A. Correct, yes.**
 4 Q. Is this one of the decisions that you refer to -- you
 5 say in your statement in general that there were
 6 a number of decisions you took on the night which were
 7 contrary to your standard practice. Is this one of them
 8 that would be contrary to what you would normally do?
 9 **A. It's not a standard procedure. But, again, in the**
 10 **scenario and the situation that we were in, it was: what**
 11 **could we do? We would never have cut the pipe behind**
 12 **the bag. It was a temporary isolation. We calculated**
 13 **it, we blew it up, we put callipers around the bag to**
 14 **work out the size that it would seal. We worked out the**
 15 **size of the 15 and what the pipe would be inside,**
 16 **whether that would make a seal, and we gave it a go.**
 17 Q. Had you ever done it before?
 18 **A. Not overinflated a bag into a main, no. We had other**
 19 **bags ready to go should that one have failed, we had**
 20 **another one, and monitoring the situation all the time**
 21 **until the PMCs arrived. So it was a really good seal in**
 22 **the main until PMCs arrived to do the flow-stop, the**
 23 **non-routine operation.**
 24 Q. Just to be clear, I think you make clear in your
 25 statement that the diameter of the pipe at 15 inches is

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1 around the outside.
 2 **A. Of metallic pipe.**
 3 Q. Of the metallic pipe, so the diameter on the inside of
 4 the pipe is often smaller?
 5 **A. Yes. It's roughly an inch thick, the pipe, all the way**
 6 **round, so you're looking at about 13 inches --**
 7 Q. Which is why even though the bag wasn't quite 15 inches,
 8 you thought it could work?
 9 **A. Yes. When we measured, it was about 14/14.5, fully. We**
 10 **even counted the amount of pumps we got to get it there**
 11 **before it burst, so it was calculated.**
 12 **SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Did you put in just one of those or**
 13 **did you put in more than one?**
 14 **A. We only put in one. We had another one on standby if we**
 15 **should need one.**
 16 **SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.**
 17 **MS GRANGE: If you had inserted it and it had failed, what**
 18 **would've happened?**
 19 **A. What do you mean? On the original initial time we did**
 20 **it, we didn't get a seal?**
 21 Q. Yes.
 22 **A. We'd have had to have just waited for PMCs to arrive.**
 23 Q. You say that the gas supply via that 15-inch main was
 24 eventually stopped at 11.40 pm in the evening; is that
 25 correct?

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1 **A. That sounds right, yes.**
 2 Q. James Harrison said in his first statement that the
 3 discovery at 9.30 pm that it was a 15-inch main did
 4 delay progress, but he estimates only by an hour.
 5 Would you agree with that estimation?
 6 **A. From finding that it was a 12 to isolating it as a 15?**
 7 Q. Finding it was a 15 at 9.30 to isolating, he says he
 8 thinks it caused you about an hour's delay.
 9 **A. That would be about right as the delay of contacting PMC**
 10 **was that hour of thought process and sort of thinking.**
 11 Q. I now want to turn back to your main statement, so
 12 that's MET00012710 on page 15.
 13 If you go to paragraph 72, you say there:
 14 "72. The 12" flow stopping bags worked and we
 15 temporarily stopped the flow of gas to the building at
 16 23:40. We watched the fire flames inside the tower
 17 diminish almost immediately and there was a huge sense
 18 of relief. The LFB were incredibly grateful and Sanghe,
 19 the officer I had been working with gave me a hug and
 20 thanked me. He told me that he could see the pressure
 21 that we had been under but that we had done a great
 22 job."
 23 So, again, just picking up on that.
 24 Do you think it was clear from the fact that the
 25 fire flames diminished at that point that the gas had

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1 been contributing to the fire at that stage?
 2 **A. Yes, it was really surreal, actually. Where we were in**
 3 **Station Walk, we could see 70 per cent of the tower, and**
 4 **it was like someone at the top was flicking a light**
 5 **switch off as the flames were going out, which proved**
 6 **that the gas was alight in the building and that that**
 7 **had made the isolation, the seal, and it had stopped any**
 8 **fuel getting into that building.**
 9 Q. Had you formed a view at any point earlier about whether
 10 gas was contributing to fires in the tower?
 11 **A. My personal view?**
 12 Q. Yes.
 13 **A. At some point I quite confident, yes, that it was**
 14 **fuelling the fire, yes.**
 15 Q. At what point did you form that view?
 16 **A. I think when it started to get to a bit later in the day**
 17 **when you could, like I said earlier, see into the flats**
 18 **and you could see in certain flats there was flame --**
 19 **the building was pretty much burnt out.**
 20 Q. What was it that you could see in the flats?
 21 **A. Just a flickering of flames which looked like a gas**
 22 **fire.**
 23 Q. Was it a different colour?
 24 **A. They were orange flames. I mean, with what was burnt in**
 25 **the building, you know, nothing to sort of say that it**

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<p>1 was definitely gas, but it was flames that looked like</p> <p>2 it was gas burning from previous experience seeing gas</p> <p>3 fires.</p> <p>4 Q. James Harrison says in his first statement that when he</p> <p>5 arrived on site at 4.30 pm on 14 June, he concluded that</p> <p>6 gas was on fire within the building because of the</p> <p>7 nature of the flames that he could see and also based on</p> <p>8 his experience.</p> <p>9 Would you agree that at 4.30 pm there were gas fires</p> <p>10 burning?</p> <p>11 A. Again, I was really concentrated on really close to the</p> <p>12 building at that sort of time, around the 4-inch and the</p> <p>13 180, so I couldn't see into the building. I was at the</p> <p>14 foot of it, so I'm not looking at it at the same time as</p> <p>15 James was on the outside. So I'm going on what the Fire</p> <p>16 Brigade was telling me and dealing with the isolations.</p> <p>17 I wasn't in a position probably then to look into the</p> <p>18 building from afar.</p> <p>19 Q. I just want to look at two pieces of evidence which you</p> <p>20 may not have seen before that are relevant to this topic</p> <p>21 just to ask for your view and whether it triggers any</p> <p>22 recollection.</p> <p>23 I want to look first at a statement of a walkways</p> <p>24 resident, Nina Masroh. Her statement is IWS00000792 and</p> <p>25 that's at paragraph 10.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 109</p>	<p>1 in your evidence, and this may have been Julian Spooner.</p> <p>2 Did he ever communicate to you that there were a lot</p> <p>3 of gas fires burning at 10.00 am --</p> <p>4 A. No, no.</p> <p>5 Q. -- on 14 June?</p> <p>6 A. No, not to me there wasn't.</p> <p>7 Q. I'll just find that reference and carry on.</p> <p>8 After you had successfully isolated the gas, you</p> <p>9 stayed to monitor the Station Walk main; is that right?</p> <p>10 A. I did, yes.</p> <p>11 Q. Why did you stay and monitor it?</p> <p>12 A. So the non-routine operation, you have to have on site</p> <p>13 a recognised competent person, which was me at that</p> <p>14 time. You have to have the right skill sets to be able</p> <p>15 to do that. I was the only person on site at that time</p> <p>16 who had that. Obviously you have to have an authorised</p> <p>17 engineer, but the authorised engineer was away from</p> <p>18 site, he doesn't need to be on site, so I was the</p> <p>19 competent person.</p> <p>20 I think as well I'd been there for all that time;</p> <p>21 I wanted to make sure that the job was completed and</p> <p>22 done safely and satisfactorily.</p> <p>23 Q. You say that PMC arrived at about 3.30 am; is that</p> <p>24 correct?</p> <p>25 A. Sounds about right, yes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 111</p>
<p>1 Just to give you some context, she said a little bit</p> <p>2 earlier in her statement that it was sometime after</p> <p>3 1.10 am, so at the very early stages of the fire, that</p> <p>4 her and her daughter started looking. It's not clear</p> <p>5 precisely when this was, but she says this:</p> <p>6 "10. My daughter pointed out blue flames at the top</p> <p>7 of the Tower. I saw them too but at first I did not</p> <p>8 understand the significance. Then my daughter explained</p> <p>9 it, 'mum there's blue flames. That means there's gas'.</p> <p>10 The blue flames were moving and rippling like a</p> <p>11 waterfall but they were contained near the top of the</p> <p>12 building and were not moving further down."</p> <p>13 I appreciate you won't have seen that before today,</p> <p>14 but while you were on site, did you ever see blue flames</p> <p>15 at the top of the tower moving and rippling?</p> <p>16 A. No.</p> <p>17 Q. I now want to ask you about a firefighter's statement.</p> <p>18 This is a statement from somebody called Julian Spooner.</p> <p>19 If we can get his witness statement up, that's</p> <p>20 MET000086071.</p> <p>21 He basically says that there were a lot of gas fires</p> <p>22 burning in the building at 10.00 am on 14 June.</p> <p>23 Sorry, unfortunately I do not have the reference --</p> <p>24 my reference is wrong to that specific bit.</p> <p>25 You talked about a firefighter called Julian earlier</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 110</p>	<p>1 Q. At that point, there was a permanent cut and cap done of</p> <p>2 the Station Walk main; is that correct?</p> <p>3 A. There was.</p> <p>4 Q. You left at 7.15 the following morning; is that right?</p> <p>5 A. That's correct, yes.</p> <p>6 Q. So in total you were there for 24 hours?</p> <p>7 A. I was.</p> <p>8 Q. For your reference, it's page 5 of Julian Spooner's</p> <p>9 statement where he talks about gas fires burning. Would</p> <p>10 you like me to go back to that?</p> <p>11 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Well, if it's necessary --</p> <p>12 MS GRANGE: It says there were gas fires burning at</p> <p>13 10.00 am. We have the point. So it's page 5.</p> <p>14 Just one more question at this stage.</p> <p>15 Would you have been made aware in your role of any</p> <p>16 complaints about gas installations or gas pipes at</p> <p>17 Grenfell Tower before your involvement that night?</p> <p>18 A. Unless we'd been there to a repair, no.</p> <p>19 Q. And were you aware?</p> <p>20 A. No.</p> <p>21 MS GRANGE: Is there anything else that you would like add</p> <p>22 to your evidence?</p> <p>23 I have to pause in a moment and find out if there</p> <p>24 are any additional questions.</p> <p>25 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Of course.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 112</p>

<p>1 MS GRANGE: But is there anything else at this stage that 2 you would like add to?</p> <p>3 A. It was just one of the most challenging situations I've 4 ever been to, and being there 24 hours and having to 5 make decisions to do what we did, and going against our 6 procedures a bit -- you know, I had a great team above 7 me and I had a really good team below me, and together 8 they did a week's work in 24 hours, what we did down 9 there, under really challenging conditions.</p> <p>10 So I was quite proud to be part of that, not because 11 of what it was, but because of what we did there and how 12 quickly we did it, and proud to work for Cadent and 13 deliver what we did on that night.</p> <p>14 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Well done.</p> <p>15 MS GRANGE: If that's a convenient moment --</p> <p>16 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.</p> <p>17 MS GRANGE: -- we'll take a short break.</p> <p>18 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Mr Allday, sometimes counsel find 19 questions that ought to have been asked and have been 20 overlooked. So we'll have 5 minutes for Ms Grange to 21 take stock, and back at 12.50 to see if there are any 22 more questions for you.</p> <p>23 THE WITNESS: Okay.</p> <p>24 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Would you like to go with the usher, 25 please.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 113</p>	<p>1 on.</p> <p>2 A. Yes.</p> <p>3 MS GRANGE: Thank you.</p> <p>4 The 3- to 12-inch system that you talked about in 5 terms of flow-stopping.</p> <p>6 A. Yes.</p> <p>7 Q. Is that the ALH system?</p> <p>8 A. No, it's a WASK system we use. The ALH system is used 9 on the larger sizes on the non-routine stuff.</p> <p>10 MS GRANGE: Okay. I think somebody behind me understands 11 the significance of that question, or at least I hope 12 they do.</p> <p>13 Thank you, Mr Allday, I have no further questions 14 for you. I would just like to thank you for coming 15 today and helping us.</p> <p>16 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: I would like to add my thanks to 17 that. I found it very interesting learning about how 18 you go about these things, and you obviously did 19 a tremendous job over a very long period of time.</p> <p>20 Anyway, it's been very helpful hearing all about it.</p> <p>21 Thank you very much for coming to give your evidence.</p> <p>22 THE WITNESS: Thank you.</p> <p>23 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: If you would like to go with the 24 usher, then. 25 (The witness withdrew)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 115</p>
<p>1 Good, 12.50, then, please 2 (12.47 pm) 3 (A short break) 4 (12.50 pm)</p> <p>5 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: More questions, Ms Grange?</p> <p>6 MS GRANGE: Two very brief questions.</p> <p>7 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Good.</p> <p>8 MS GRANGE: So if we can go back to your main statement, 9 MET00012710, at page 15, and if we can zoom in on 10 paragraph 72.</p> <p>11 You say there that the 12-inch flow-stopping bags 12 worked and you temporarily stopped the flow of gas to 13 the building at 23.40.</p> <p>14 You've used "bags" in the plural there --</p> <p>15 A. Bag.</p> <p>16 Q. -- whereas earlier in your evidence you said "bag".</p> <p>17 A. Yes.</p> <p>18 Q. We just wanted to clarify --</p> <p>19 A. One.</p> <p>20 Q. -- with you. So that's probably incorrect; it ought to 21 say the 12-inch flow-stopping bag worked.</p> <p>22 A. Yes. We had one in the main and a couple ready next to 23 us. So I was just using -- as we had the bags to use 24 and we used one.</p> <p>25 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: I think you confirmed that earlier</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 114</p>	<p>1 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Good.</p> <p>2 MS GRANGE: Thank you. Yes, sir. I just have one small 3 task to finish, which is I want to read into the record 4 a schedule of witness statements and exhibits from other 5 Cadent witnesses who deal with isolating the gas supply 6 on the night.</p> <p>7 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.</p> <p>8 MS GRANGE: If I can bring that up on the screen, that's 9 INQ00000529.</p> <p>10 So this is a list that's been circulated prior to 11 this to core participants. It's a list of witness 12 statements and exhibits of gas operatives who attended 13 the scene on the night. I would ask that this schedule 14 of material is now formally read into the inquiry 15 record. It's just one page.</p> <p>16 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes. Thank you very much.</p> <p>17 MS GRANGE: Then just to announce that this afternoon there 18 will be more reading in of BSR witness statements for 19 the afternoon.</p> <p>20 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.</p> <p>21 Well, I think it's right, in view of reading in all 22 these statements in the compendious way that you've done 23 it, that I thank those who made all these statements. 24 I'm sure they will be very useful and, of course, 25 they're part of the evidence before the inquiry.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 116</p>

<p>1 MS GRANGE: Yes.</p> <p>2 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Good.</p> <p>3 MS GRANGE: Thank you. That's it for this morning.</p> <p>4 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: So that's a convenient moment, as</p> <p>5 they say.</p> <p>6 MS GRANGE: It is a convenient moment.</p> <p>7 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: We'll break at that point, thank</p> <p>8 you, and resume at 2 o'clock. Thank you very much.</p> <p>9 (1.00 pm)</p> <p>10 (The short adjournment)</p> <p>11 (2.00 pm)</p> <p>12 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, Ms Sivakumaran.</p> <p>13 MS SIVAKUMARAN: Sir, I'd like to continue our programme of</p> <p>14 reading into the record a number of statements that have</p> <p>15 been provided to the inquiry by residents and bereaved</p> <p>16 witnesses.</p> <p>17 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, very well.</p> <p>18 MS SIVAKUMARAN: As has been noted already, although I may</p> <p>19 be reading some extracts from the statements, the</p> <p>20 entirety of the statements are admitted into the record.</p> <p>21 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.</p> <p>22 MS SIVAKUMARAN: If I may begin with two statements from</p> <p>23 residents that were not present in Grenfell Tower at the</p> <p>24 time of the fire before turning to a number of</p> <p>25 statements from bereaved witnesses.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 117</p>	<p>1 later, I saw three fire engines around the bottom of the</p> <p>2 Tower, and people were congregating all around the base</p> <p>3 of the Tower. I saw [redacted] and [redacted] standing</p> <p>4 in the playground next to the Tower on the West side. I</p> <p>5 met with them and we just stood there and looked up at</p> <p>6 the building. When I arrived, the fire was not that big</p> <p>7 and was coming out of the window of a flat on the 4th or</p> <p>8 5th floor. It was however burning upwards. The flames</p> <p>9 were orange, yellow and blue in different places. I</p> <p>10 tried to walk towards the Tower to get in so we could</p> <p>11 try to save some of our things, but my sons stopped me,</p> <p>12 saying that the fire was serious and that we should not</p> <p>13 go back inside.</p> <p>14 "12. After my arrival, the fire started to spread</p> <p>15 up the building quite rapidly. The fire looked like a</p> <p>16 tube burning up one side of the building. There were</p> <p>17 loud noises coming from the inside of the building —</p> <p>18 they sounded like explosions. I don't know what those</p> <p>19 noises were. It was a really shocking thing to see — I</p> <p>20 have never seen a fire like it before."</p> <p>21 I propose to put that amount of the statement into</p> <p>22 the record.</p> <p>23 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, thank you.</p> <p>24 GIMJA TEKIE (evidence read into the record)</p> <p>25 MS SIVAKUMARAN: The second statement that I will be reading</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 119</p>
<p>1 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Mm-hm.</p> <p>2 SALAH DUALE (evidence read into the record)</p> <p>3 MS SIVAKUMARAN: The first statement I will put into the</p> <p>4 record is that of Mr Salah Duale, and that is reference</p> <p>5 IWS00000795.</p> <p>6 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, thank you.</p> <p>7 MS SIVAKUMARAN: If we can turn to page 6 of that statement,</p> <p>8 we'll see that it was signed on 29 June 2018, under</p> <p>9 a statement of truth.</p> <p>10 That statement consists of six pages. I would ask</p> <p>11 for the entirety of the statement to be put into the</p> <p>12 record.</p> <p>13 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Thank you.</p> <p>14 MS SIVAKUMARAN: Mr Duale had only moved into flat 7 in</p> <p>15 Grenfell Tower on 10 June 2017, so that's four days</p> <p>16 before the fire took place, and he moved in with his two</p> <p>17 sons.</p> <p>18 On the night of 13 June, Mr Duale was out in the</p> <p>19 evening and he only returned to Grenfell Tower at around</p> <p>20 1.15 am.</p> <p>21 I'll pick up the account that he's provided to the</p> <p>22 inquiry at paragraph 11 on page 3 of his statement.</p> <p>23 As said, he returned at around 1.15 am.</p> <p>24 At paragraph 11 he says:</p> <p>25 "11. When I arrived at the Tower a few minutes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 118</p>	<p>1 from is that of Gimja Tekie who was a resident of</p> <p>2 flat 202 on floor 23 of Grenfell Tower, and the</p> <p>3 reference for that statement is IWS00000992.</p> <p>4 If we can turn to page 12 of her statement. You'll</p> <p>5 see that it is signed on 21 May 2018 under a statement</p> <p>6 of truth and it consists of 12 pages in its entirety.</p> <p>7 I'll ask that her statement is also put into the record.</p> <p>8 The only paragraph that I would wish to draw to your</p> <p>9 attention -- as I stated Ms Tekie was not present on the</p> <p>10 night of the fire, and I'd refer you to paragraph 36 on</p> <p>11 page 6 of her statement.</p> <p>12 Ms Tekie says:</p> <p>13 "36. As stated above, even though I was not</p> <p>14 physically present at the fire, I saw the fire unfold on</p> <p>15 the news reports on TV. When I first saw the Tower in</p> <p>16 flames, I was devastated, and my first thought was for</p> <p>17 Marco, Gloria, and all my neighbours all of the people</p> <p>18 that knew who were presumably burnt to death in the</p> <p>19 fire. This was especially true of all the young children</p> <p>20 that I knew and had known all of their lives."</p> <p>21 I will note that Ms Tekie was a resident. She had</p> <p>22 moved into the flat in 1998, and had lived there with</p> <p>23 her daughter Lidia until 2015. Gloria Trevisan and</p> <p>24 Marco Gottardi, who she referred to, had been staying</p> <p>25 with Ms Tekie since April 2017. They had met through</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 120</p>

<p>1 a family friend.</p> <p>2 On the night, Ms Tekie was staying at her daughter's</p> <p>3 home and was not present when the fire started.</p> <p>4 I will ask that statement is admitted into the</p> <p>5 record.</p> <p>6 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, thank you.</p> <p>7 MS SIVAKUMARAN: Sir, I now propose to enter into the record</p> <p>8 a number of statements from bereaved relatives of</p> <p>9 residents who sadly passed away in the fire at Grenfell.</p> <p>10 The first statements I will read into the record are</p> <p>11 those from friends and family of Mr Anthony Disson, who</p> <p>12 was a resident of flat 194 on the 22nd floor of</p> <p>13 Grenfell Tower.</p> <p>14 I will also note the family members of Mr Disson and</p> <p>15 those of the witnesses whose statements I'll read into</p> <p>16 the record are present here today.</p> <p>17 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, thank you.</p> <p>18 CORDELIA DISSON (evidence read into the record)</p> <p>19 MS SIVAKUMARAN: The first statement I will read into the</p> <p>20 record is that of Mrs Cordelia Disson. The reference is</p> <p>21 IWS00000242.</p> <p>22 That statement consists of 15 pages, and if we turn</p> <p>23 to page 15, we'll see that it's signed on 17 May 2018</p> <p>24 under a statement of truth.</p> <p>25 Mrs Disson was married to Anthony Disson, and they</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 121</p>	<p>1 "124. Tony only had his mobile phone, he does not</p> <p>2 have a house phone.</p> <p>3 "125. I estimate I spoke to Tony about 5 or 6 times</p> <p>4 that night. We were calling each other. I estimate</p> <p>5 that I called 999 at least 4 times. The first time I</p> <p>6 spoke to Tony was at 1.22am and the last time I spoke to</p> <p>7 him was at around 2.42am. I was using numbers</p> <p>8 ...[redacted]...</p> <p>9 "126. I then rang him back and said to him 'Have</p> <p>10 they come to get you yet?' He said that the black smoke</p> <p>11 was too much and that he could not breathe. I said to</p> <p>12 him to go to the bathroom and to fill the bath and to</p> <p>13 put some towels in there and to put it around his face</p> <p>14 and to make his way downstairs. He said to me 'You</p> <p>15 don't understand Cord, the black smoke is too much and I</p> <p>16 can't get to the front door.' I said to him 'Try Tony</p> <p>17 Try. Try and get to the front door.' He said 'For</p> <p>18 fuck's sake, I can't breathe, I can't breathe. Is this</p> <p>19 the way I am going to go, is this how I am going to end</p> <p>20 my life.' I said to him 'Shut up and listen to me,' I</p> <p>21 said to him to get his phone and his charger and his car</p> <p>22 keys and put them in a bag and put them down his</p> <p>23 trousers. I said this because when he gets out he could</p> <p>24 call us to say that he is out. He then said to me</p> <p>25 'There is someone on the other line.'</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 123</p>
<p>1 have three adult sons. I propose to pick up her account</p> <p>2 of the events of the morning of 14 June on page 10 at</p> <p>3 paragraph 121.</p> <p>4 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, thank you.</p> <p>5 MS SIVAKUMARAN: Mrs Disson says:</p> <p>6 "121. I went to bed in the Chalet and then at</p> <p>7 around 1:22am I got a phone call from Tony. I</p> <p>8 automatically thought that it had to be something to do</p> <p>9 with Charlie, I had no idea it was about the fire at the</p> <p>10 time. I knew something had gone wrong because Tony</p> <p>11 would never call late unless it was an emergency.</p> <p>12 "122. I remember the call was definitely at 1:22am</p> <p>13 as I have a clock which is next to my bed in the Chalet.</p> <p>14 The first words that Tony spoke were 'Cordy, Cordy,' I</p> <p>15 said to him 'What? What's the matter' I thought he said</p> <p>16 'The flat is on fire.' I said 'what?' He said 'The flats</p> <p>17 are on fire.' I said to him 'Tony get out of there you</p> <p>18 are on the 22nd floor.' He said 'No it is ok, they are</p> <p>19 coming to get me.' I said to him 'Who is coming to get</p> <p>20 you?' He said 'The Fire Brigade.' I said to him 'Alright</p> <p>21 then' and then he said 'You better let me go in case</p> <p>22 they want to get in contact with me.' I said alright</p> <p>23 then.</p> <p>24 "123. Tony had said that he had rang the Fire</p> <p>25 Services beforehand.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 122</p>	<p>1 "127. I then rang the fire services and I spoke to</p> <p>2 the Kent department and I explained to them that there</p> <p>3 was a fire in Grenfell Tower and that my husband was on</p> <p>4 the 22nd floor. They passed me over to the London Fire</p> <p>5 Brigade department and they said to me that they were</p> <p>6 going to get him out. I said to them please do not</p> <p>7 leave him there to die. They said to me that they knew</p> <p>8 he was there and they were fully aware that he was there</p> <p>9 and they were going to get him out.</p> <p>10 "128. I believe during this time before I spoke to</p> <p>11 Tony again that either Tony rang Alfie or Alfie rang</p> <p>12 Tony and he was speaking to him.</p> <p>13 "129. I had put the TV on around this time and I</p> <p>14 could see how fast the fire had spread, but Tony did not</p> <p>15 see this at the time.</p> <p>16 "130. I then spoke to Tony again around about 15</p> <p>17 minutes later.</p> <p>18 "131. In the meantime I know that Tony was talking</p> <p>19 to Alfie.</p> <p>20 "132. Alfie at the time was at Sinead's place</p> <p>21 [redacted] and Charlie was with his girlfriend</p> <p>22 [redacted].</p> <p>23 "133. I then spoke to Tony on and off at the same</p> <p>24 time, Alfie was calling him and I was calling the fire</p> <p>25 services. I could not tell you what time this was.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 124</p>

<p>1 "134. He then said 'I am going to jump out of the 2 window.' I said to him 'You are not doing that to my 3 boys' I said to him 'Just get out Tony.' At the time of 4 these phone calls, I could hear the smoke alarms but 5 they did not sound like that they were in the flat, to 6 me they sounded like they were coming from outside of 7 the flat. He then said to me that the lights had gone 8 out. I said to him 'Just keep touching your phone and 9 there was a light.' He then heard his door go, someone 10 was knocking on the door. 11 "135. I believe at this time he was in his sitting 12 room, I don't think he was sitting down I think he was 13 panicking a lot. 14 "136. He then said 'They are here, they are here.' 15 He was about to switch me off and I said to him to keep 16 me on the phone. He went to the front door. 17 "137. I could then hear a man's voice and the man 18 was screaming help me Tony, please help me. I could 19 hear a baby crying and screaming. These are the voices 20 that haunt me, I could hear the panic in the man's 21 voice. I do not know who they were. 22 "138. Tony said to him 'I can't help myself.' I did 23 not hear the man's voice after this, I presume this is 24 when Tony must have gone back into the flat. From then 25 on, I could sense a change in Tony and he was more</p> <p>Page 125</p>	<p>1 the Fire Brigade must be outside to get him because he 2 said that the black smoke had turned white. I did not 3 know what he was thinking but at the time I presumed it 4 was because he was dying. 5 "144. He then started to beg me saying 'Please 6 don't let me die' and I kept screaming at him saying 7 'You are not going to die, get out of the flat.' He 8 then said to me that he loved me and that he has always 9 loved me and said for me to tell the boys that I love 10 them as well. He then said 'Cord this is it, this is it 11 for me.' This is when I started to panic and I kept 12 saying to him over and over 'You are not going to 13 fucking die, you are not going to die.' 14 "145. I then rang the fire brigade again and said 15 to them about the fire and they said not to call him 16 back and that they are going to talk him down. I did 17 not call Tony. 18 "146. I rang her back around 15 minutes later and 19 spoke to the fire brigade and she said that they have 20 lost contact with him at 3:00am. This is when I spoke 21 really angry and screaming at the fire brigade because 22 they left my husband to die. 23 "147. I spoke to the fire brigade at least 3 times. 24 This was between 1:00am- 3:00am. 25 "148. I tried to call him again to see whether I</p> <p>Page 127</p>
<p>1 panicking and he was crying. I said to him to throw 2 himself down the chute and he kept saying to me that he 3 could not breathe. He then went back into the living 4 room and I know he went back there as he said to me, 5 that he could hear helicopters. I said to him that he 6 should smash the windows as they were melting so that 7 they would know that he was there. He said he could not 8 and said 'For fuck sake the flames are at the window.' 9 This was the only time that he mentioned the flames. 10 "139. He also said to me screaming at one point 11 that he was going to die and I said to him that he was 12 not. He also said to me on the phone that his feet were 13 burning. 14 "140. I then came off the phone and I spoke to the 15 Fire Brigade again. 16 "141. He always spoke about the black smoke. He 17 said that it was coming through the windows and the 18 doors. He said that the black smoke was getting worse 19 throughout our phone calls. 20 "142. In the meantime, I was calling the fire 21 services and so was Alfie and they kept saying that not 22 to call him back and that they are going to get him 23 down. 24 "143. One of the last phone calls I had with Tony, 25 all of a sudden it was really weird he was saying that</p> <p>Page 126</p>	<p>1 could have contact with him, but the phone was just 2 constantly ringing out and was ringing until 8am in the 3 morning. This is the reason we thought he must have got 4 out. 5 "149. Throughout the time I spoke to the fire 6 brigade they always told Tony to stay and that they 7 would get him out and this is the reason he stayed. I 8 always said to him that he should have tried to get out. 9 It was only on the last phone call I had with them that 10 they said that they suggested that he should try and get 11 himself out." 12 That's where I propose to stop with reading from 13 that statement. 14 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Very well. Thank you. 15 ALFIE DISSON (evidence read into the record) 16 MS SIVAKUMARAN: Sir, you have heard that Mrs Disson and 17 Mr Disson had three sons. 18 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes. 19 MS SIVAKUMARAN: Alfie Disson, who Mrs Disson referred to, 20 has also made a statement to the inquiry and I propose 21 to read that next. The reference is IWS00000241. 22 He says in his statement that he had spent time with 23 his dad on 13 June 2017, and had learnt of the fire 24 through family members in the early hours of 14 June. 25 For his statement, IWS00000241, if we turn to the</p> <p>Page 128</p>

<p>1 last page, page 8, you'll see it's signed on 17 May 2018</p> <p>2 with a statement of truth.</p> <p>3 I'd ask that the entirety of the statement is put</p> <p>4 into the record.</p> <p>5 I would then propose to pick up from page 4,</p> <p>6 paragraph 64, Mr Alfie Disson's recollections of the</p> <p>7 events of 14 June.</p> <p>8 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, thank you.</p> <p>9 MS SIVAKUMARAN: He begins:</p> <p>10 "64. At the beginning I did not know anything about</p> <p>11 the fire. I had a missed call from my dad but I did not</p> <p>12 answer it as I was asleep. The first time I knew about</p> <p>13 it was when my partner Sinead's mother called her and</p> <p>14 told my partner that there was a fire at Grenfell Tower.</p> <p>15 This was around about 1.00 am to 1.10 am.</p> <p>16 "65. I then called my dad straight away and he was</p> <p>17 telling me that there was a fire at Grenfell Tower, I</p> <p>18 told him straight away that he should leave the flat.</p> <p>19 He said to me that he was not going to leave as the</p> <p>20 firefighters have told him to stay. I kept pleading</p> <p>21 with him to leave. He kept telling me that there was</p> <p>22 black smoke everywhere.</p> <p>23 "66. At first I did not think it was a bad fire, I</p> <p>24 just thought that there was a small fire in a flat</p> <p>25 below, I did not realise the extent it would be. I</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 129</p>	<p>1 also hear the tap running, I had told him to run the</p> <p>2 cold tap.</p> <p>3 "73. Between the phone calls with my dad I must</p> <p>4 have spoken to the firefighters more than twice, I</p> <p>5 remember calling and getting through to Surrey and I</p> <p>6 explained to them that he was 65 years old and that they</p> <p>7 said not to worry as they will get my dad out.</p> <p>8 "74. I know my partner also made multiple phone</p> <p>9 calls to the firefighters as well, I believe she phoned</p> <p>10 them more than me.</p> <p>11 "75. I remember one phone call they said that they</p> <p>12 were unable to get up there yet.</p> <p>13 "76. Dad always talked about the smoke but he never</p> <p>14 spoke about any flames to me during this. I do not</p> <p>15 think he would have taken pictures or videos.</p> <p>16 "77. I know my dad spoke to the fire services, I</p> <p>17 do not know how many calls he made.</p> <p>18 "78. At around about 3:00 am I rang him and asked</p> <p>19 him what was going on. He said to me that they are not</p> <p>20 coming and then I told him to get out of there again. I</p> <p>21 kept saying he needed to get out, but we both knew that</p> <p>22 he would not get out. We had a 5 minute conversation</p> <p>23 between me and him and he was saying to me that if he</p> <p>24 did not make it, that he loved me and my brothers and I</p> <p>25 should not forget this. He said that he was going to</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 131</p>
<p>1 constantly said to him that he should leave.</p> <p>2 "67. I cannot remember how many phone calls I made</p> <p>3 to my dad but I do remember some of the contents of</p> <p>4 them.</p> <p>5 "68. I know my dad was on the phone to me, my mum</p> <p>6 and the firefighters. We were all trying to communicate</p> <p>7 with each other at the same time.</p> <p>8 "69. I remember we all called him throughout</p> <p>9 between 1:00-3:00am.</p> <p>10 "70. I remember one conversation I had with him and</p> <p>11 they were always lengthy phone calls. I would say that</p> <p>12 I was on the phone to him each time around 20 to 30</p> <p>13 minutes.</p> <p>14 "71. I remember him always being in the passage and</p> <p>15 he kept saying that the smoke was gradually getting</p> <p>16 worse each time. I know he opened the door and then</p> <p>17 shut it again because the smoke was so thick.</p> <p>18 "72. I remember during one conversation that he was</p> <p>19 saying that the smoke was filling the flat and he was</p> <p>20 coughing and coughing and saying that he cannot breathe.</p> <p>21 I know at one point I told him to go to the bathroom and</p> <p>22 to fill the bath with water and to block the doors. I</p> <p>23 am not sure if he did this, but I could hear him doing</p> <p>24 something in the background and then at one point I</p> <p>25 could hear it was like a towel over his mouth. I could</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 130</p>	<p>1 attempt to get out. The only reason he went was because</p> <p>2 the fire services finally told him that he needed to</p> <p>3 make his way out.</p> <p>4 "79. I heard him opening the door and heard him</p> <p>5 talking about the black smoke. I knew that he had his</p> <p>6 tablets, phone and keys on him. I was told by the fire</p> <p>7 fighters to turn off the phone and that they would talk</p> <p>8 him down.</p> <p>9 "80. I then spoke to the firefighters to find out</p> <p>10 what had happened and they told me that they lost</p> <p>11 contact with my dad at 3:07am."</p> <p>12 That's where I propose to stop with that statement.</p> <p>13 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Thank you very much.</p> <p>14 CHARLES DISSON (evidence read into the record)</p> <p>15 MS SIVAKUMARAN: I will then propose to read from the</p> <p>16 statement of Charles Disson, also known as Charlie</p> <p>17 Disson. The reference for that is IWS00000239.</p> <p>18 Charlie Disson is the brother of Alfie and he's also</p> <p>19 the son of Tony and Cordelia Disson.</p> <p>20 Mr Charlie Disson lived with his father, Tony</p> <p>21 Disson, in flat 194, but on the night of the fire he was</p> <p>22 staying at his girlfriend's house and so was not</p> <p>23 present.</p> <p>24 This statement also consists of five pages. Turning</p> <p>25 to the fifth page, you'll see it's signed on 17 May 2018</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 132</p>

<p>1 with a statement of truth.</p> <p>2 I propose to read firstly from page 1, paragraph 3,</p> <p>3 you'll note as I've said:</p> <p>4 "3. On the night of the fire I was with my</p> <p>5 girlfriend and was staying at her flat.</p> <p>6 "4. I did not know anything about the fire until</p> <p>7 the next morning when my mum called me."</p> <p>8 Paragraph 6:</p> <p>9 "6. My dad and I lived at 194 Grenfell Tower, he</p> <p>10 was originally on the 19th floor until the regeneration.</p> <p>11 After the regeneration it moved to the 22nd floor as the</p> <p>12 old boxing gym was removed and they added three more</p> <p>13 floors.</p> <p>14 "7. My dad was renting the flat through the</p> <p>15 council. My dad and I were the only ones living in the</p> <p>16 flat, we did not have any pets at the time.</p> <p>17 "8. When my dad and I moved into the flat, it was</p> <p>18 fine originally. We did not have any problems and</p> <p>19 complaints. It was only until the regeneration started</p> <p>20 when things were going wrong in the flat."</p> <p>21 I would then continue from Mr Charlie Disson's</p> <p>22 statement at paragraph 34 on page 3.</p> <p>23 This paragraph Mr Charlie Disson continues:</p> <p>24 "34. They changed the door in the regeneration, the</p> <p>25 door was slim and skinny and it was not a strong door,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 133</p>	<p>1 Cordelia Disson, and he has provided a statement that</p> <p>2 consists of 4 pages. Turning to the fourth page, you'll</p> <p>3 see that it's signed on 29 May 2018 under a statement of</p> <p>4 truth.</p> <p>5 I'd again ask that the entirety of the statement is</p> <p>6 admitted into the record.</p> <p>7 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, of course.</p> <p>8 MS SIVAKUMARAN: I do not propose to read paragraphs from</p> <p>9 this statement, but I would note for the record that the</p> <p>10 inquiry has carefully considered the entirety of this</p> <p>11 statement, and the other statements provided by the</p> <p>12 family of Mr Disson in their entirety.</p> <p>13 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes. Well, they've all formed part</p> <p>14 of the evidence before the inquiry, and it's right that</p> <p>15 I should make that clear and thank Mrs Disson and her</p> <p>16 sons for taking the trouble to make these statements.</p> <p>17 It's important that we know about them. Thank you.</p> <p>18 MS SIVAKUMARAN: Yes.</p> <p>19 Sir, there's two other statements made by friends of</p> <p>20 Mr Anthony Disson that I would also propose to put into</p> <p>21 the record at this stage.</p> <p>22 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.</p> <p>23 DAWN RYAN (evidence read into the record)</p> <p>24 MS SIVAKUMARAN: The next statement is that of Ms Dawn Ryan,</p> <p>25 and the reference for that statement is IWS00000250.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 135</p>
<p>1 it was white and had like a cheap wood feel. The old</p> <p>2 door was light but strong. They both had spring back</p> <p>3 features on them. I remember there were two hinges on</p> <p>4 the new door, one at the top and one at the bottom. I</p> <p>5 don't remember about the hinges on the old door. There</p> <p>6 was no damage to the door. I don't remember any</p> <p>7 modification being made to the door.</p> <p>8 "35. All of the neighbours had the same door</p> <p>9 changed.</p> <p>10 "36. There were gaps in the door, there was a clear</p> <p>11 gap at the bottom. There were also gaps around the side</p> <p>12 of the door."</p> <p>13 I would then continue at page 4. The last paragraph</p> <p>14 I would propose to read from is paragraph 39, where</p> <p>15 Mr Charlie Disson says:</p> <p>16 "39. The windows were changed and there were drafts</p> <p>17 through them. They were like a white plastically[sic]</p> <p>18 type of window. I could feel the drafts."</p> <p>19 That's where I propose to end with that statement.</p> <p>20 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: All right, thank you very much.</p> <p>21 HARRIBOY DISSON (evidence read into the record)</p> <p>22 MS SIVAKUMARAN: Finally I propose to read from the</p> <p>23 statement of Harriboy Disson. The reference for this</p> <p>24 statement is IWS00000672.</p> <p>25 Mr Harriboy Disson is the third son of Tony and</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 134</p>	<p>1 This statement consists of 10 pages and, if you turn</p> <p>2 to the tenth page, you'll note that it's signed on</p> <p>3 21 May 2018. On the 11th page is the signature, and</p> <p>4 there's a statement of truth on the page before, which</p> <p>5 is actually page 9.</p> <p>6 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, thank you.</p> <p>7 MS SIVAKUMARAN: I ask the entirety of that statement is put</p> <p>8 into the record.</p> <p>9 There's also two exhibits to that statement, DR/1</p> <p>10 and DR/2, and the reference for those exhibits are</p> <p>11 IWS00000247.</p> <p>12 Ms Ryan had lived in Barandon Walk, which is close</p> <p>13 to Grenfell Tower with her husband, two children and</p> <p>14 their dog, Captain, since 2015. The whole family was at</p> <p>15 home on the night of the fire.</p> <p>16 A number of Ms Ryan's family members were also close</p> <p>17 by and were in contact on the night of the fire, and</p> <p>18 a number of them were present outside Grenfell Tower.</p> <p>19 It's also noted within the statement that Ms Ryan's</p> <p>20 niece is Tony Disson's granddaughter, and that's</p> <p>21 explained in one of the exhibits through a family tree.</p> <p>22 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, thank you.</p> <p>23 MS SIVAKUMARAN: I would pick up Ms Ryan's account at</p> <p>24 paragraph 10 of her statement on page 3.</p> <p>25 Shortly before paragraph 10, Ms Ryan explains that</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 136</p>

<p>1 she was woken up by her phone ringing as her niece had</p> <p>2 called her to tell her there was a fire at</p> <p>3 Grenfell Tower. She continues at paragraph 10:</p> <p>4 "10. On the phone, Lily Rose said there's a fire in</p> <p>5 Grenfell Tower. She said it looks quite bad and I think</p> <p>6 you need to get out. My initial thought was ok there's</p> <p>7 a fire, but why is she calling me in the middle of the</p> <p>8 night to tell me this? As I said, in my experience</p> <p>9 fires are really common on estates; they are usually put</p> <p>10 out quite quickly without spreading to other flats and</p> <p>11 that's the end of it. When she said Grenfell, even</p> <p>12 though I knew people that lived there I did not know</p> <p>13 which tower she was referring to at first. She</p> <p>14 explained that it was the big one around the front. She</p> <p>15 was insisting that it was really bad. She said they</p> <p>16 were going to my mother's place as she could not watch</p> <p>17 any longer."</p> <p>18 I would then propose to continue at paragraph 28 of</p> <p>19 her statement, which is on page 6.</p> <p>20 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.</p> <p>21 MS SIVAKUMARAN: Ms Ryan sets out in the intervening pages</p> <p>22 how she waited at her flat with her children for</p> <p>23 a period of time before deciding that she wanted to go</p> <p>24 to her mother's house, where her niece had said they'd</p> <p>25 already gone.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 137</p>	<p>1 "30. From where they were standing, Corinna,</p> <p>2 [redacted] and [redacted] had a full view of the tower</p> <p>3 and an hour or so after Dan Dan's last conversation with</p> <p>4 Tony, they saw the fire engulf Tony's flat.</p> <p>5 31. I knew Tony very well. I would see him once a</p> <p>6 week or so."</p> <p>7 That's where I propose to end with that statement.</p> <p>8 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Thank you very much.</p> <p>9 WINSTON DOWARRIS (evidence read into the record)</p> <p>10 MS SIVAKUMARAN: The final statement related to Mr Tony</p> <p>11 Disson is that of Winston Dowarris, and the reference</p> <p>12 for that is IWS00000916.</p> <p>13 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.</p> <p>14 MS SIVAKUMARAN: This is a statement that consists of</p> <p>15 18 pages. If we turn to page 18, there's a signature</p> <p>16 dated 21 May 2018.</p> <p>17 There's a statement of truth on the preceding page,</p> <p>18 page 17 --</p> <p>19 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, thank you.</p> <p>20 MS SIVAKUMARAN: -- which relates to that signature.</p> <p>21 I would ask the entirety of that statement is</p> <p>22 admitted into the record.</p> <p>23 Mr Dowarris says in his statement he lived in</p> <p>24 Hurstway Walk for around eight years before the fire at</p> <p>25 Grenfell. On the night of the fire, his daughter was</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 139</p>
<p>1 At paragraph 28 she continues:</p> <p>2 "28. We stayed at my mum's in Shepherd's Bush for a</p> <p>3 couple of hours. There were a lot of us there. My</p> <p>4 sister, niece, nephew and his girlfriend were all there</p> <p>5 and there were three dogs. Whilst I was there, Corinna,</p> <p>6 [redacted] and Lily Rose told me that my niece</p> <p>7 [redacted]'s grandfather Tony Disson had been trapped in</p> <p>8 the tower and that they saw the fire engulf his flat.</p> <p>9 He lived in flat 194 on the 22 floor. His windows were</p> <p>10 on the western facade of the tower.</p> <p>11 "29. Corinna and her son [redacted] recounted the</p> <p>12 events of earlier that evening. My nephew [redacted]</p> <p>13 had been with [redacted], Corinna's son, watching the</p> <p>14 fire from outside of Bramley House. I am not sure of</p> <p>15 their exact location but Corinna's flat is at or near</p> <p>16 the point marked as Figure 2 on Exhibit DR/I. They were</p> <p>17 on the telephone to Tony, who was in his flat, trying to</p> <p>18 get him to leave the tower. At first he was reluctant</p> <p>19 to leave and by the time they persuaded him he said he</p> <p>20 couldn't leave as the door handles were too hot to touch</p> <p>21 and he could not open the door. In the last calls with</p> <p>22 him, [redacted] could apparently hear him screaming for</p> <p>23 help, saying '[redacted] help me; I can't get out; the</p> <p>24 heat's coming up', and then finally he said 'please tell</p> <p>25 my sons that I love him'.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 138</p>	<p>1 staying at the property. He was a friend of Tony</p> <p>2 Disson, having gone to school with him many years</p> <p>3 previously.</p> <p>4 I would pick up his account of the fire at page 2,</p> <p>5 paragraph 4.</p> <p>6 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, thank you.</p> <p>7 MS SIVAKUMARAN: Mr Dowarris says:</p> <p>8 "4. The fire started at 12:54 am, I understand.</p> <p>9 This was whilst I was asleep in my flat.</p> <p>10 "5. I became aware of the fire when my daughter</p> <p>11 [redacted] woke me up. I think that it must have been</p> <p>12 at around 01:30 am, though I cannot be certain.</p> <p>13 [redacted] said, 'Dad, Dad, Grenfell is on fire. It's</p> <p>14 going to fall on top of us.'</p> <p>15 "6. She really thought the Tower was going to</p> <p>16 collapse on top of us, when she had seen Grenfell Tower</p> <p>17 burst into flames. Just as my daughter woke me and I</p> <p>18 saw the fire for the first time, the police were</p> <p>19 knocking on the door and telling us to get dressed and</p> <p>20 to get out.</p> <p>21 "7. I looked out the window and it looked like an</p> <p>22 inferno. It looked like nothing I had ever seen in my</p> <p>23 life. It was painful, and sad. You could see straight</p> <p>24 away that not many people would escape from it.</p> <p>25 "8. The police warned us that the Tower might fall</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 140</p>

<p>1 on us in Hurstway Walk and that we had to get out.</p> <p>2 "9. I hurriedly put on some clothes and was ushered</p> <p>3 out by the police into Latimer Road, where there was a</p> <p>4 lot of confusion and commotion."</p> <p>5 Mr Dowarris also said he had contact with Tony</p> <p>6 Disson on the night of the fire, and I would pick up his</p> <p>7 account from page 4.</p> <p>8 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.</p> <p>9 MS SIVAKUMARAN: Paragraph 26 of his statement.</p> <p>10 He said after he was evacuated, sometime after he</p> <p>11 continues:</p> <p>12 "26. We walked away and I was standing by a bus</p> <p>13 stop when I heard a blonde woman, I did not know her,</p> <p>14 talking on the phone. I discovered that she was on the</p> <p>15 phone to a man called Tony Disson who was in the Tower.</p> <p>16 "27. I knew him well, and so I took the phone from</p> <p>17 the lady and said in distress, 'Tony, I'm sorry I can't</p> <p>18 do anything. No one can. The firemen are all here and</p> <p>19 they won't be able to get to you.' He then told me that</p> <p>20 he was locked in the bathroom in his flat. He had tried</p> <p>21 to open the door of his flat, but the handle was red</p> <p>22 hot. He told me that the concrete under the ground was</p> <p>23 burning his feet. Then all of a sudden the line went</p> <p>24 dead.</p> <p>25 "28. Tony was someone I had gone to school with,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 141</p>	<p>1 my sister. I was born in Banjul. My mum, Betty Mendy,</p> <p>2 and my dad were not together. I lived with my mum until</p> <p>3 I started nursery and then for some time with my dad.</p> <p>4 When I returned to my mother's family, it was my Aunt</p> <p>5 Mary who basically took responsibility for me. She</p> <p>6 valued having children and treated me as her own. We</p> <p>7 lived in what might be described as communally."</p> <p>8 I would continue from paragraph 10 on page 2 where</p> <p>9 Ms Telfer gives her account of the events of 14 June.</p> <p>10 She says:</p> <p>11 "10. On the night of the fire, I had a day off from</p> <p>12 work. I always have the news on and usually sleep with</p> <p>13 the TV on. That night I turned off the TV when I went</p> <p>14 to bed. I woke up about 5am the following morning and I</p> <p>15 saw I had a lot of missed calls. I wondered why so many</p> <p>16 people had been calling me. The first person I called</p> <p>17 was my mum to ask why she had been calling me</p> <p>18 insistently. She said, 'My sister is dead'. I turned</p> <p>19 on the TV to watch Sky news. I didn't believe what I</p> <p>20 saw.</p> <p>21 "11. I got dressed. My partner asked me what I was</p> <p>22 doing. I told him I was going to look for my aunt. It</p> <p>23 was around 6am. I got the train from [redacted]. I</p> <p>24 couldn't get a bus from.</p> <p>25 "12. The building was still burning. I just</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 143</p>
<p>1 and had grown up with. I knew him and his entire</p> <p>2 family. To hear him die over the phone like that will</p> <p>3 haunt me forever. He and the others should never have</p> <p>4 died."</p> <p>5 That's where I propose to stop with that statement.</p> <p>6 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: All right, thank you very much.</p> <p>7 MARION TELFER (evidence read into the record)</p> <p>8 MS SIVAKUMARAN: Sir, I would now propose to turn to the</p> <p>9 statement of Marion Telfer, the reference for that</p> <p>10 statement is IWS00001182.</p> <p>11 This is a statement that consists of 5 pages, and if</p> <p>12 we turn to the fifth page, it is signed and dated</p> <p>13 14 March 2018 under a statement of truth.</p> <p>14 I would ask the entirety of that statement is</p> <p>15 admitted into the record.</p> <p>16 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, thank you.</p> <p>17 MS SIVAKUMARAN: Ms Telfer was the niece of Mary Mendy and</p> <p>18 the cousin of Khadija Saye. Both Mary Mendy and Khadija</p> <p>19 Saye lived in 173 on floor 20. They both sadly passed</p> <p>20 away in the fire.</p> <p>21 I would pick up Ms Telfer's statement from</p> <p>22 paragraph 5 on page 1. She says:</p> <p>23 "5. My Aunt Mary brought me up. She has always</p> <p>24 taken responsibility for me and I regarded her as a</p> <p>25 mother. I lived with her and Khadija who I regarded as</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 142</p>	<p>1 couldn't believe it. I was in shock. I was looking up</p> <p>2 at where Aunt Mary's flat was. I knew exactly where it</p> <p>3 was; I used to live there. I knew she and Khadija would</p> <p>4 not have made it. Khadija would normally call me for</p> <p>5 help. I called Khadija once I arrived at the scene and</p> <p>6 I knew Khadija was gone as there was no way Khadija</p> <p>7 wouldn't answer her phone.</p> <p>8 "13. I was crying, calling Aunt Mary and Khadija.</p> <p>9 I then went to every single registration point to look</p> <p>10 for them."</p> <p>11 I would then propose to pick up her statement again</p> <p>12 at page 4, paragraph 21.</p> <p>13 As Ms Telfer says, she used to live with her Aunt</p> <p>14 Mary in Grenfell Tower. She gives her account on page 4</p> <p>15 and 5 of that time.</p> <p>16 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.</p> <p>17 MS SIVAKUMARAN: She says at paragraph 21:</p> <p>18 "21. I don't remember us really having any problems</p> <p>19 there. I do remember that there was a fire once. I was</p> <p>20 with Khadija in the flat; Aunt Mary was out. I heard</p> <p>21 the fire alarm and smelled smoke. I got Khadija and we</p> <p>22 ran. I think I was about 11 or 12 years old. We went</p> <p>23 down to the foyer and stayed with the security guards</p> <p>24 who were always in the foyer. We had a smoke alarm in</p> <p>25 the flat but the alarm that sounded and I heard was a</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 144</p>

<p>1 central alarm.</p> <p>2 "22. I don't remember anyone telling us about a</p> <p>3 'stay put' advice at the time."</p> <p>4 I would then pick up again at paragraph 25, where</p> <p>5 she says:</p> <p>6 "25. Following the refurbishment of Grenfell Tower,</p> <p>7 the floors got re-numbered. We used to live on the 17th</p> <p>8 floor then their floor number got changed to the 20th.</p> <p>9 I remember going to visit and getting off on the 17th</p> <p>10 floor and knocking on what I thought was their door and</p> <p>11 another woman opened the door. I said to her, 'You're</p> <p>12 not my aunt'. Meanwhile, my Aunt was phoning me saying,</p> <p>13 'It's the 20th floor now.' Aunt Mary was proud when the</p> <p>14 refurbishment was completed; she told me she thought the</p> <p>15 building looked pretty. I remember that she had what I</p> <p>16 think is a fire door put in after the refurbishment; it</p> <p>17 closed automatically."</p> <p>18 That's where I propose to stop with that statement.</p> <p>19 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, very well, thank you.</p> <p>20 CLARRIE MENDY (evidence read into the record)</p> <p>21 MS SIVAKUMARAN: The second statement that I propose to read</p> <p>22 today related to Mary Mendy and Khadija Saye is that of</p> <p>23 Ms Clarrie Mendy. The reference is IWS00001185.</p> <p>24 This statement consists of six pages and, turning to</p> <p>25 the sixth page, you will see that it's signed on</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 145</p>	<p>1 "7. Khadija, Mary's daughter, was very shy. I</p> <p>2 would say she was more introverted than extroverted.</p> <p>3 She was artistic but I never got the chance to see any</p> <p>4 of Khadija's artwork. I know that she was an aspiring</p> <p>5 artist destined to be an exceptional and prominent</p> <p>6 figure in her profession. She was the apple of her</p> <p>7 mother's eye."</p> <p>8 That's where I propose to stop with that statement.</p> <p>9 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Right, thank you very much.</p> <p>10 FERUZA AFEWERKI (evidence read into the record)</p> <p>11 MS SIVAKUMARAN: I now propose to turn to the statements of</p> <p>12 the bereaved of Amal Ahmedin, Mohamednur Tuccu and their</p> <p>13 daughter.</p> <p>14 The first statement I'll read is that of</p> <p>15 Ms Feruza Afewerki. The reference is IWS00000331.</p> <p>16 This statement consists of four pages, and on the</p> <p>17 fourth page you'll see its signed on 21 May 2018.</p> <p>18 I'll ask for the entirety of that statement is put</p> <p>19 into the record.</p> <p>20 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, of course, thank you.</p> <p>21 MS SIVAKUMARAN: Ms Feruza Afewerki's sister was</p> <p>22 Amal Ahmedin, who lived on the 19th floor of Grenfell</p> <p>23 Tower, flat 166, with her husband, Mohamednur Tuccu, and</p> <p>24 their three-year-old daughter, Amaya.</p> <p>25 Amal Ahmedin's cousin, Amna Mahmoud Idris, was</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 147</p>
<p>1 25 September 2018 under a statement of truth.</p> <p>2 I'd ask for the entirety of that statement is</p> <p>3 admitted into the record.</p> <p>4 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, thank you.</p> <p>5 MS SIVAKUMARAN: At paragraph 2, page 1, Ms Mendy says:</p> <p>6 "2. My relatives, namely Mary Mendy and Khadija</p> <p>7 Saye, were victims of the Grenfell Tower fire. They</p> <p>8 lived on the 20th floor Flat 173 of the Tower."</p> <p>9 I then propose to continue at paragraph 5 on page 2</p> <p>10 of the statement.</p> <p>11 Ms Mendy continues:</p> <p>12 "5. I frequented the Gambia from 1979. I first met</p> <p>13 Mary as well as the other cousins in 1980. She was like</p> <p>14 my sister, for so many years prior to her moving to the</p> <p>15 UK and we had a very unique bond. It was my father who</p> <p>16 had brought Mary to the UK, he signed her paperwork and</p> <p>17 arranged her visa to come to this country. Mary moved</p> <p>18 to the UK and lived at my family residence with my</p> <p>19 father and family member in approximately 1986-1987.</p> <p>20 Mary stayed in our family home until she found her own</p> <p>21 place and moved on.</p> <p>22 "6. I always spoke to Mary a lot on the phone and I</p> <p>23 would always see her at family occasions such as my</p> <p>24 parent's death anniversaries which we commemorated every</p> <p>25 year, and celebratory events.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 146</p>	<p>1 staying with them on the night of 13 June 2017 and all</p> <p>2 four members of the family passed away in the fire on</p> <p>3 13/14 June.</p> <p>4 I propose to pick up from paragraph 4 of the</p> <p>5 statement on page 1 where Ms Afewerki says:</p> <p>6 "4. I often visited my sister for birthdays and</p> <p>7 other celebrations. She always had people over at her</p> <p>8 house. She was a people person and very popular. I</p> <p>9 loved her deeply. My niece was a bundle of joy. Amal</p> <p>10 gave her the best she could."</p> <p>11 I would then propose to turn to page 2 of the</p> <p>12 statement, where Ms Afewerki gives her account of where</p> <p>13 she was on the 13 and 14 June.</p> <p>14 She says at paragraph 13:</p> <p>15 "13. At the time of the fire I was in Jerusalem on</p> <p>16 a trip with friends. On the second to last day of the</p> <p>17 trip I was in a coach when someone at the beginning of</p> <p>18 the day went to the front of the coach to share a</p> <p>19 thought for the day and some warm words. They explained</p> <p>20 that there had been a fire in Notting Hill Gate. I</p> <p>21 grabbed my phone immediately and panicked. I did not</p> <p>22 think, though, that it was my sister's place as they</p> <p>23 lived elsewhere. I could not get any more information</p> <p>24 on the internet either.</p> <p>25 "14. Some time after I saw 'Grenfell' mentioned on</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 148</p>

<p>1 the internet and I screamed. I telephoned Amal</p> <p>2 immediately but it went straight to voicemail. Those</p> <p>3 few hours afterwards are a blur. It was horrible. I</p> <p>4 felt so powerless. My dad called me. He said that as</p> <p>5 we do not know anything we should not worry yet. He</p> <p>6 could not say it was okay however. I tried to convince</p> <p>7 myself that she had run out, and was okay. I said it to</p> <p>8 myself over and over. I said she is a fighter and she</p> <p>9 does not let anything get in her way. She was</p> <p>10 invincible. I thought she is probably in hospital. I</p> <p>11 could not imagine her being dead."</p> <p>12 That's where I propose to stop with that statement.</p> <p>13 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, thank you.</p> <p>14 IBRAHIM TOUKOU (evidence read into the record)</p> <p>15 MS SIVAKUMARAN: The inquiry has also received the statement</p> <p>16 from Ibrahim Toukou. The reference for that is</p> <p>17 IWS00000335.</p> <p>18 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.</p> <p>19 MS SIVAKUMARAN: Mr Tuccu was the brother of Mohamednur</p> <p>20 Tuccu, who we just heard passed away in the fire at</p> <p>21 Grenfell Tower with his family.</p> <p>22 Mr Ibrahim Toukou has provided a statement which</p> <p>23 consists of seven pages. On the seventh page you'll see</p> <p>24 it's signed on 21 May 2018 under a statement of truth,</p> <p>25 and I would ask that that statement is admitted into the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 149</p>	<p>1 passed away in the fire at Grenfell Tower. His</p> <p>2 relatives have provided statements about the events of</p> <p>3 the night.</p> <p>4 The first statement of Mr Hesham Rahman's relatives</p> <p>5 I propose to read is that of Mohamed Ragab. The</p> <p>6 reference for that statement is IWS000000477.</p> <p>7 This is a statement that consists of four pages and,</p> <p>8 turning to the fourth page, you'll see there's</p> <p>9 a signature signed on 26 May 2018 under a statement of</p> <p>10 truth.</p> <p>11 I would ask for the entirety of that statement to be</p> <p>12 admitted into the record.</p> <p>13 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.</p> <p>14 MS SIVAKUMARAN: Mr Ragab is a former resident of</p> <p>15 Grenfell Tower. He lived there from 1982 to 1995. When</p> <p>16 he moved into a property, it was about 5 minutes away</p> <p>17 from Grenfell Tower.</p> <p>18 Hashem Rahman is Mr Ragab's nephew and Hashem Rahman</p> <p>19 moved into the tower in 2012.</p> <p>20 I propose to pick up his statement at paragraph 4,</p> <p>21 on page 1.</p> <p>22 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Right.</p> <p>23 MS SIVAKUMARAN: Where he says:</p> <p>24 "4. On 14 June 2017 at around 2.45am I received a</p> <p>25 call from any sister Shafika Rabab. I was at home in</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 151</p>
<p>1 record.</p> <p>2 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, of course.</p> <p>3 MS SIVAKUMARAN: I propose to pick up from his statement at</p> <p>4 paragraph 7, page 1, where he gives his account of</p> <p>5 learning about the events at Grenfell Tower.</p> <p>6 He says:</p> <p>7 "7. On 14th June 2017, I received a call from my</p> <p>8 older sister who lives in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. She</p> <p>9 called me to let me know about the fire. At the time,</p> <p>10 the fire had started and was still going on. Mohamednur</p> <p>11 was visiting Amal and Amaya at the flat, as he actually</p> <p>12 lived in a flat in Lambeth. I was trying to call my</p> <p>13 brother and the phone was ringing but he was not</p> <p>14 answering so I did not get to speak to him. I also</p> <p>15 tried to call his friends in London and one of our</p> <p>16 relatives, Musalam, who lives in London. No one was</p> <p>17 picking up the phone so I was worried. I don't remember</p> <p>18 when I last spoke to Mohamednur; it could have been a</p> <p>19 day or two before the fire."</p> <p>20 This is where I propose to stop with this statement.</p> <p>21 As with the others, the entirety of the statement is</p> <p>22 admitted into the record.</p> <p>23 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, of course. Thank you.</p> <p>24 MOHAMED RAGAB (evidence read into the record)</p> <p>25 MS SIVAKUMARAN: Hesham Rahman lived in flat 204 and also</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 150</p>	<p>1 bed asleep at the time. She told me there was a fire at</p> <p>2 Grenfell Tower. I was immediately worried for Hesham</p> <p>3 who lives in the Tower. I got out of bed, got dressed</p> <p>4 and made my way to her address, which is close by to</p> <p>5 Grenfell Tower and only a 2 minute walk from my flat.</p> <p>6 As I left my house I saw that there was a big fire</p> <p>7 coming from the fourth floor of the Tower. I was</p> <p>8 completely shocked at the size of the fire. I thought,</p> <p>9 'how is this possible? How can this be happening?' I</p> <p>10 was really desperate to find out if Hesham was OK.</p> <p>11 "5. I found Shafika outside her house. She told me</p> <p>12 she had already called Hesham and spoken to him. After</p> <p>13 I arrived she called Hesham again and spoke to him for</p> <p>14 around two or three minutes. I heard her telling him to</p> <p>15 get out of the flat. She told me Hesham would not move</p> <p>16 from his flat as the police had told him to stay put and</p> <p>17 they would come and get him.</p> <p>18 "6. Hesham has two mobile phones. I called Hesham</p> <p>19 myself at 3.33am on his [redacted] number as we had not</p> <p>20 heard from him since Shafika had called him around 15</p> <p>21 minutes before. There was no answer. This made me</p> <p>22 really anxious as I could see that the fire was getting</p> <p>23 bigger and was spreading. I hoped desperately that he</p> <p>24 had been saved and was in an ambulance at the bottom of</p> <p>25 the tower. Me and Shafika were both going mad with</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 152</p>

<p>1 worry and we did not know what to do. Shafika was 2 crying and screaming. 3 "7. I decided to leave Shafika to try and to go 4 closer to the Tower to find out what was going on and to 5 see if Hesham had managed to get out of the building. I 6 could not get anywhere near the Tower. There are two 7 routes to access the Tower, but the police were blocking 8 both routes. I saw ambulances near the Tower and people 9 being pushed in wheelchairs to the ambulances so they 10 could be taken to hospital. I also saw around 10 — 15 11 fire brigade vehicles near the Tower. I tried to get 12 past the police to the fire brigade so that I could find 13 out whether Hesham would be rescued. The police would 14 not let me past and told me to stay out. I shouted at 15 them that my nephew was in the Tower but they did not 16 provide one with any information. I felt completely 17 helpless. 18 "8. After unsuccessfully trying to get information 19 I returned to Shafika who was still outside her house. 20 At 5.43am I called Hesham again on [redacted] and again 21 there was no answer. I then tried to call him on his 22 other mobile number of [redacted] at 05.44ain. Again 23 there was no answer I was really panicking now, as it 24 had been a hours since we had heard from Hesham. 25 "9. It was a very long night for me and Shafika.</p> <p>Page 153</p>	<p>1 my brother Mohamed. We had been eating and drinking 2 together. At 12.30am Mohamed left my house to go home 3 and sleep. I stayed up for a while longer so that 4 I could tidy the kitchen and the rest of the house. 5 "6. I was going to bed at around 2.30-2.40am on 6 14 June 2017 when I heard the noise of sirens of 7 ambulances from outside my house, as well as other noise 8 coming from my neighbours on the street outside my 9 house. I looked out of my window and saw that many of 10 my neighbours had come out into the street and were 11 talking. I opened the window and asked my next door 12 neighbour from number 6 what was happening. My 13 neighbour informed me that Grenfell Tower was on fire. 14 I was shocked when I heard this. I immediately thought 15 of my nephew Hesham because he lived in the building. 16 It made me worried for Hesham. 17 "7. I went outside into the street to see what was 18 going on. I could see the fire on the tower from my 19 street. It looked like the fire was coming down from 20 the low down in the tower, around the 4th floor. There 21 was lots of smoke and I could see big flames coming from 22 the fire. The fire was spreading fast up the building. 23 I started to panic as I could see that the building was 24 on fire but I did not know what was happening to Hesham. 25 "8. I telephoned my brother Mohamed at around</p> <p>Page 155</p>
<p>1 We did not know what we were watching as we looked at 2 the building on fire, as we did not know if Hesham had 3 made it out of the building. It was worse than anything 4 I could have imagined. I still hoped Hesham had made it 5 out of the building, as he had told Shafika the police 6 would come and get him. However we had not heard 7 anything and so we were both tearing ourselves apart 8 with worry." 9 That's where I propose to stop with that statement. 10 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Right, thank you very much. 11 SHAFIKA RAGAB (evidence read into the record) 12 MS SIVAKUMARAN: You heard Mr Mohamed Ragab referred several 13 times to Shafika Ragab. She has also provided 14 a statement to the inquiry. The reference for that 15 statement is IWS00000475. 16 Ms Ragab is the sister of Mohamed Ragab, who we've 17 heard from. In her statement, which consists of 18 six pages you'll see that it's signed on the fifth page, 19 26 May 2018, under a statement of truth. 20 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes. 21 MS SIVAKUMARAN: Ms Ragab has given her account of the 22 events of the night, and I pick those up at page 2, 23 paragraph 5. 24 She says: 25 "5. On the night of the fire I was at my house with</p> <p>Page 154</p>	<p>1 2.45am and told him about the fire. He came to meet me 2 outside my house straight away. I was so scared for 3 Hesham so I called him on his mobile phone at 2.59am, 4 shortly before Mohamed arrived. Hesham answered the 5 phone. I was relieved to hear his voice when he 6 answered but I was still panicking as I wanted him to 7 get out of the building. He was on his own in his flat, 8 which is on the 20th floor of the Grenfell Tower, which 9 is the highest floor of the Tower. I shouted at him in 10 panic: 'Hesham, get down, the building is on fire'. He 11 said: 'I'm coming mummy but I have to wait'. He 12 said: 'I spoke to the police and they are coming to get 13 me'. He also said: 'I've told the police that I've got 14 problems with my feet and I can't walk and the police 15 told me, don't worry, stay where you are, and we will 16 come and pick you up'. He suffers from diabetes and has 17 a problem with his feet, meaning he would have struggled 18 to run downstairs from the top floor of Grenfell Tower. 19 He sounded scared as he spoke to me. I just pleaded 20 with him to get out of the building as it was on fire. 21 I did not want him to stay in there as I could see how 22 big the fire was. He said he would do his best. The 23 call ended after around two or three minutes. 24 "9. I called him again not long after the first 25 call at 3.15am on his mobile phone. Mohamed was with me</p> <p>Page 156</p>

<p>1 by this point. Hesham answered the phone again. He 2 said he was still waiting for the fire brigade to come 3 and get him. He told me: 'the smoke started to get me; 4 I don't know what to do. Please end the call so that my 5 battery doesn't run out. When I come out, I'll call 6 you'. He did not specify exactly where from the smoke 7 was coming from[sic]. Again he sounded scared. The 8 call ended again after around two or three minutes. 9 I believe the phone call was cut off. That was the last 10 time I spoke to Hesham. 11 "10. Mohamed then tried to call Hesham on his phone 12 at 3.33am, but he did not pick up this time. This made 13 me really anxious. I hoped that he was not answering 14 his phone as he had been saved and had been taken to an 15 ambulance, but I had no way of knowing if this was true. 16 I was desperate to hear from him to know he was safe. 17 Without news from Hesham I was beside myself with worry. 18 "11. Mohamed left me and approached the Tower to 19 try and find out what was going on. I was left in the 20 street outside my house watching as the fire continued 21 to engulf the tower. It was awful. I did not know what 22 to do. I felt completely helpless. I was going mad as 23 I watched the Tower on fire as I did not know whether 24 Hesham was in there or not. I was crying with fear for 25 Hesham."</p> <p>Page 157</p>	<p>1 her experience of trying to find out about Hesham Rahman 2 on the night of the fire, and that's all been carefully 3 considered by the inquiry. 4 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Right, thank you. 5 MS SIVAKUMARAN: Sir, I note we've been going for nearly 6 an hour now and we are halfway through the list of 7 statements I propose to put into the record. 8 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: How is your voice holding up? 9 MS SIVAKUMARAN: I wonder whether a brief pause of 5 minutes 10 might be convenient at this time. 11 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Well, that seems reasonable. Shall 12 we say 10? 13 MS SIVAKUMARAN: I'm grateful. 14 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: All right, I'll rise for 10 minutes. 15 3.05, please, thank you. 16 (3.00 pm) 17 (A short break) 18 (3.10 pm) 19 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, are we ready to go on? 20 MS SIVAKUMARAN: Yes, sir. 21 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Very good, thank you. 22 Where are we going next? 23 MS SIVAKUMARAN: I now propose to read into the record the 24 statements of the relatives of Ms Sakineh Afrasiabi and 25 her sister, Fatimeh Afrasiabi.</p> <p>Page 159</p>
<p>1 That's where I propose to stop with that statement. 2 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Right, thank you. 3 NOHA EL BAGHDADY (evidence read into the record) 4 MS SIVAKUMARAN: The final statement related to 5 Hesham Rahman is that of Noha El Baghdady. 6 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, thank you. 7 MS SIVAKUMARAN: Ms Baghdady's provided a statement with 8 reference IWS00000671. 9 You'll see that statement consists of 5 pages. It's 10 signed on 8 June 2018 under a statement of truth. 11 I would ask for the entirety of the statement to be 12 admitted into the record. 13 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes. 14 MS SIVAKUMARAN: If I could turn to page 2 of the statement, 15 Ms Baghdady says: 16 "2. On 14 June 2017 I was at home asleep when I was 17 awoken at around 5.00am by the notification sound from 18 the Sky News app on my phone. The notification said 19 there was a fire at Grenfell Tower. As soon as I saw 20 the words Grenfell Tower I was immediately worried as 21 this was where my cousin Hesham lived. Hesham had been 22 brought up by my mother and he was more like a brother 23 to me than a cousin. We were very close." 24 That's where I propose to stop with that statement. 25 Ms El Baghdady continues in the statement to set out</p> <p>Page 158</p>	<p>1 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, thank you. 2 MONA AGHLANI (evidence read into the record) 3 MS SIVAKUMARAN: The first statement is that of 4 Ms Mona Aghlani. The reference for that statement is 5 IWS00000774. 6 This statement consists on eight pages, and if we 7 turn to page 8 you'll see that it's signed and dated 8 28 June 2018 under a statement of truth. 9 I'll ask that statement is admitted into the record. 10 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, of course, thank you. 11 MS SIVAKUMARAN: There are also four photos that have been 12 exhibited to the statement, with references IWS00000774, 13 page 9, to IWS00000774, page 12, and I'd ask these are 14 also admitted into the record. 15 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, thank you. 16 MS SIVAKUMARAN: Ms Aghlani is the daughter of Sakineh 17 Afrasiabi and the niece of Fatemeh Afrasiabi and they 18 both died in the fire on 14 June 2017. 19 Ms Mona Aghlani has provided a statement to the 20 inquiry, and I'd refer to page 6, paragraph 20, where 21 she gives her account of learning about the events of 22 the night. 23 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, thank you very much. 24 MS SIVAKUMARAN: She says at paragraph 20: 25 "20. On the night of the fire I was at my mother's</p> <p>Page 160</p>

<p>1 place. It was a hot, summer's night. We had had a nice 2 day. We were laughing. We had bought tickets to go on 3 holiday and would soon return to Iran which she always 4 enjoyed. My auntie was over at her place. They asked 5 me to show them an Iranian series for them to watch on 6 the TV. I had no sense that this would be the last time 7 I would ever see them or that I would lose them forever. 8 My mum gave me a special takeaway dish of food to take 9 with me. She gave her grandson a kiss before he left. 10 Nazanin, who was also there, left, and I then left mum's 11 place at 9pm to go back to my own flat which is nearby. 12 I was very tired and went to bed a short while after 13 getting home. I am aware that my auntie, Fatima, shared 14 a video on Facebook at 12.30 which was very close to the 15 start of the fire.</p> <p>16 "21. Around 3 am I awoke to go to the toilet. I 17 saw I had a lot of missed calls from various people some 18 of whom I had not seen in a long time. I telephoned 19 some such person who explained that there was a fire at 20 the Tower. I left straightaway. I left without even 21 remembering my son was in bed. I was crazy. I do not 22 remember much after this.</p> <p>23 "22. I got to the Tower a short while afterwards. 24 I was crying. I tried to get close. I took my shoes 25 off and ran towards it. They did not let me through.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 161</p>	<p>1 Mohammad Samimi, and that statement is reference 2 IWS00000298.</p> <p>3 This statement consists of five pages and, on page 3 4 of 5, it is signed on 21 May 2018 under a statement of 5 truth, and I'd ask the entirety of the statement is put 6 into the record.</p> <p>7 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, thank you.</p> <p>8 MS SIVAKUMARAN: Mr Samimi is the son of Fatemeh Afrasiabi, 9 who passed away in the fire, and his aunt is Ms Sakineh 10 Afrasiabi.</p> <p>11 On page 2 of the statement, paragraph 9, I propose 12 to pick up from his account of learning about the events 13 of 14 June.</p> <p>14 He says:</p> <p>15 "9. On 14 June 2017 at 9.20am Iranian time (about 16 5.50am UK time) I sent my mother a text message. The 17 message was replying to a text message I had received 18 from my mother on 13 June 2017. My mother's message 19 conveyed the following sentiments (it is difficult to 20 translate this accurately) 'Hi my dear son I hope you 21 are not exhausted from your work. I hope that your 22 studio refurbishment has gone well and I hope that it 23 brings you fortune and income, God willing'. I had sent 24 my mother photos of the refurbishment of my photography 25 studio the night before. On 14 June my message to my</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 163</p>
<p>1 They could not give me any information. During the 2 night I went to 5 or 6 different hospitals to see if 3 they had any information. Some of them did not even 4 know about the disaster at that point. By sunlight I 5 was going around the different churches to see if I 6 could find my mother. I was so confused. I was 7 desperate."</p> <p>8 That's where I propose to stop with that statement.</p> <p>9 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: All right, thank you very much.</p> <p>10 NAZANIN AGHLANI (evidence read into the record)</p> <p>11 MS SIVAKUMARAN: The next statement I propose to put into 12 the record is that of Ms Nazanin Aghlani, IWS00001074.</p> <p>13 This statement consists of 13 pages and, turning to 14 the 13th page, you'll see that it's signed on 15 12 September 2018, under a statement of truth, and I'd 16 ask that is admitted into the record.</p> <p>17 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.</p> <p>18 MS SIVAKUMARAN: Ms Aghlani is the daughter of 19 Sakineh Afrasiabi and the niece of Fatemeh Afrasiabi. 20 She sets out the history in her statement of her mother 21 moving into Grenfell Tower and I ask that her statement 22 is also put into the record.</p> <p>23 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.</p> <p>24 MOHAMMAD SAMIMI (evidence read into the record)</p> <p>25 MS SIVAKUMARAN: Finally I'd refer to the statement of</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 162</p>	<p>1 mother was 'Hello, thank you mother, thanks God all at 2 my work is proceeding well'. I did not receive a reply 3 from my mother.</p> <p>4 "10. I left work at 1.30pm Iranian time (about 10am 5 UK time) and went home for lunch. I saw a segment on 6 the television news about a fire at a tower block in 7 London but I wasn't worried about this. I didn't think 8 it could be my aunt's flat. I had never seen a photo of 9 the building my aunt, Sakineh, lived in. Her previous 10 building had been three storeys high and I didn't know 11 that she lived in a tower block.</p> <p>12 "11. At about 5 or 6pm Iranian time (about 1.30pm 13 or 2.30pm UK time), I was back at work when I received a 14 phone call from my sister Maryam. She told me to come 15 home urgently. When I arrived home Maryam was pale and 16 shaking, she told me that the tower block we had seen on 17 the news earlier was Aunt Sakineh's tower block.</p> <p>18 He then says at paragraph 16 I just pick up again 19 from there:</p> <p>20 "My relatives in the UK were searching for my mother 21 and aunt in hospitals, churches and the local area. 22 They were unable to find any trace of them. Four or 23 five days later my mother and my aunt were announced 24 amongst those who had died.</p> <p>25 That's where I propose to stop with that statement.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 164</p>

<p>1 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: All right. Thank you.</p> <p>2 MS SIVAKUMARAN: Those are the statements of the relatives</p> <p>3 of Fatemeh Afrasiabi and Sakineh Afrasiabi that I wish</p> <p>4 to put into the record today.</p> <p>5 SAYEDA IBRAHIM (evidence read into the record)</p> <p>6 MS SIVAKUMARAN: I would then turn to the statements of</p> <p>7 relatives of Rania Ibrahim.</p> <p>8 Rania Ibrahim died on the 23rd floor and she lived</p> <p>9 in flat 203 of Grenfell Tower.</p> <p>10 Her sister is Sayeda Ibrahim who has provided</p> <p>11 a statement with reference IWS00000323.</p> <p>12 This statement consists of 19 pages and, turning to</p> <p>13 the 19th page, you'll see that it's signed on</p> <p>14 22 May 2018 under a statement of truth, and I would ask</p> <p>15 that the entirety of the statement is admitted into the</p> <p>16 record.</p> <p>17 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.</p> <p>18 MS SIVAKUMARAN: I pick up at page 1. At paragraph 4, she</p> <p>19 sets out her relationship to Rania Ibrahim and she says:</p> <p>20 "4. I lost my sister, Rania Ibrahim ... and her</p> <p>21 daughters Fethia Hassan ... and Hania Hassan ... in the</p> <p>22 Grenfell Tower fire. Rania and her daughters lived in</p> <p>23 Flat 203 on the 23rd floor of Grenfell Tower. Rania's</p> <p>24 husband, Hassan, also lived there but was abroad for the</p> <p>25 six months leading up to the fire."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 165</p>	<p>1 where [redacted] was and whether he was still in the</p> <p>2 Tower, and then she informed us that there was a fire in</p> <p>3 her block. She told us that she didn't think she would</p> <p>4 be able to leave.</p> <p>5 "31. My daughter [redacted], called 999 as soon we</p> <p>6 got off the phone to Rania. She called from my phone as</p> <p>7 hers wasn't working at the time. My number is</p> <p>8 [redacted]. This would have been around 1.10am. She</p> <p>9 just called once. The call was around 2 minutes long.</p> <p>10 I remember [redacted] told me the operator was female.</p> <p>11 Told the operator Rania's details, flat number and any</p> <p>12 other details she asked for. She said they are getting</p> <p>13 a lot of calls regarding the same matter and fire</p> <p>14 brigades are already on their way. I think the advice</p> <p>15 was just to stay calm.</p> <p>16 "32. When I found out there was a fire, I left</p> <p>17 everything and called a cab which took me straight away</p> <p>18 to the scene at Grenfell Tower. When I arrived, the</p> <p>19 fire still didn't reach the top floors, or not from</p> <p>20 where I could see. It still had not reached to Rania's</p> <p>21 flat. When I saw the fire, I fell to the floor and the</p> <p>22 newspapers took a photo of me. My children stayed at</p> <p>23 home, and kept trying to contact Rania. However, told</p> <p>24 me that when she saw the fire, she knew that Rania would</p> <p>25 not survive as she could not take her children down the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 167</p>
<p>1 I would then turn to paragraph 28 of her statement</p> <p>2 on page 8, where she sets out her recollections of the</p> <p>3 events of 13 and 14 June.</p> <p>4 Ms Ibrahim says:</p> <p>5 "28. I was at my home in [redacted] that evening.</p> <p>6 My son [redacted] was at Grenfell Tower at around 7.00pm</p> <p>7 and he stayed there at Rania's flat until iftar time, so</p> <p>8 around 9.00pm or 9.30pm. Thereafter, he left Grenfell</p> <p>9 Tower and went to pray Taraweeh at Al-Manar Mosque, and</p> <p>10 probably finished prayer at around 11.00pm or 11.30pm,</p> <p>11 then returned to Rania's flat. Whilst in the flat, he</p> <p>12 helped Rania to measure the windows as she was planning</p> <p>13 to buy a nice curtain for Eid. He left Grenfell Tower</p> <p>14 at around 12 midnight to come home. He had decided with</p> <p>15 Rania that he was going to spend the last 10 days of</p> <p>16 Ramadan sleeping in the Mosque, so he was only coming</p> <p>17 back home to get his clothes. He had planned to pick</p> <p>18 these up and return to Grenfell Tower.</p> <p>19 "29. A few minutes before 1 am, I received a call</p> <p>20 from my sister, Hanan, in [redacted]. She told me to</p> <p>21 check if Rania was ok because one of the blocks near</p> <p>22 Grenfell Tower was on fire.</p> <p>23 "30. Then at between 1am and 1:06am, we received a</p> <p>24 Facetime call from Rania. She was dressed in black and</p> <p>25 it looked like she was in the dark. She was asking</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 166</p>	<p>1 stairs.</p> <p>2 "33. I believe that after left Rania's flat, Rania</p> <p>3 started to put her children to sleep. She must have</p> <p>4 also gone to sleep because she said in a Facebook video</p> <p>5 that she woke up because someone was knocking on her</p> <p>6 front door. It was just Rania and her two children in</p> <p>7 the flat initially, but around four other people from</p> <p>8 her floor entered her flat because her corner of the</p> <p>9 building was the only side that was not affected by the</p> <p>10 fire at that time. People from the flat opposite to</p> <p>11 hers came in, and she was offering help and offering</p> <p>12 people to come in. Their flats were already on fire.</p> <p>13 "34. Rania was filming a Facebook livestream of the</p> <p>14 night. The video is about 6 minutes long. From the</p> <p>15 footage, it seems like the fire alarm was not working.</p> <p>16 I spoke to Rania on the phone and later watched the</p> <p>17 video and her snapchat videos. I believe that the smoke</p> <p>18 must have come in to the kitchen, where the smoke alarm</p> <p>19 was located, as the kitchen window was always open, but</p> <p>20 it did not go off spoke to Rania at 1:00am, 2:50am and</p> <p>21 3:00am and did not hear an alarm at any point. My</p> <p>22 brother was one of the last people to speak to her and</p> <p>23 he also could not hear an alarm. In her Facebook video</p> <p>24 there is some kind of whistling sound but it is not like</p> <p>25 an alarm. I still have Rania's Facebook video and</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 168</p>

<p>1 snapchat videos."</p> <p>2 That's where I propose to stop with that statement.</p> <p>3 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: All right, thank you very much.</p> <p>4 MOHAMMED ABDUL HAKIM (evidence read into the record)</p> <p>5 MS SIVAKUMARAN: The next statement I would propose to put</p> <p>6 into the record is that of Mohammed Abdul Hakim.</p> <p>7 This statement is reference IWS00000019.</p> <p>8 It consists of eight pages and, on the eighth page,</p> <p>9 it's signed on 5 April 2018 under a statement of truth,</p> <p>10 and I'd ask it's admitted into the record in its</p> <p>11 entirety.</p> <p>12 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.</p> <p>13 MS SIVAKUMARAN: There are two exhibits to this statement,</p> <p>14 MAH/1, for which the reference is IWS00000017, and</p> <p>15 MAH/2, reference IWS00000018. Both are videos and I'd</p> <p>16 ask that these two videos are also admitted into the</p> <p>17 record.</p> <p>18 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.</p> <p>19 MS SIVAKUMARAN: Mr Hakim's family lived in flat 142 on the</p> <p>20 17th floor of Grenfell Tower.</p> <p>21 He explains at paragraph 2 of his statement his</p> <p>22 relationship to the residents of that flat. He says:</p> <p>23 "2. I make this statement because my family lived</p> <p>24 at 142 Grenfell Tower, on the seventeenth floor. My</p> <p>25 mother Rabiya Begum, my father Kamru Miah, my sister</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 169</p>	<p>1 She told me to 'Sit down', and I said 'You're worrying</p> <p>2 me'. She said 'There's been a fire and your family are</p> <p>3 all trapped in their flat. They say that the flat is</p> <p>4 pitch black and they can't see anything. Me and your</p> <p>5 brother in law are heading there now.' I thought this</p> <p>6 can't be — I left them all perfectly fine a few hours</p> <p>7 before. I didn't want to believe her.</p> <p>8 "14. My second oldest niece, who is my first cousin</p> <p>9 Abdul's daughter from my father's side of the family,</p> <p>10 called Jessie who called me. She said 'Hi are you okay?</p> <p>11 It's me Jessie. I'm sorry that I'm calling you this</p> <p>12 late but I've got some really bad news for you. Your</p> <p>13 parent's home is on fire as well as Grenfell Tower and</p> <p>14 my dad has been there for the last 10-15 minutes, he's</p> <p>15 taken a video of the building. I've sent the video to</p> <p>16 you on your phone so have a look at it'. She sent this</p> <p>17 video to me via WhatsApp at 01:38am and I exhibit it as</p> <p>18 MAH/1. When I saw it my heart just sank. I didn't know</p> <p>19 what to say or do. I started panicking. Straight after</p> <p>20 I got off the phone to Jessie, my cousin Abdul called</p> <p>21 me, he was shouting 'Where the hell are you? Where the</p> <p>22 hell are you? Your family's trapped in their flat -</p> <p>23 they are all going to die. The building is completely</p> <p>24 on fire.' When I heard that I felt a million times worse</p> <p>25 — what could I do from here? I was in my flat, miles</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 171</p>
<p>1 Husna Begum and my two brothers Mohammed Hamid and</p> <p>2 Mohammed Hanif all passed away in the fire. I am a core</p> <p>3 participant of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry."</p> <p>4 I would then turn to paragraph 13, that's where</p> <p>5 I propose to pick up from his statement, where he gives</p> <p>6 his account of the recollections of the events of</p> <p>7 14 June.</p> <p>8 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.</p> <p>9 MS SIVAKUMARAN: Just before paragraph 13, he explains that</p> <p>10 he was getting ready for bed when he got a phone call</p> <p>11 from his cousin at around 1.57 am.</p> <p>12 He continues at paragraph 13:</p> <p>13 "13. At 01:57am my cousin [redacted], who is my</p> <p>14 first cousin on my mother's side, called me. Normally I</p> <p>15 don't expect a call at around tam from anyone. So I was</p> <p>16 shocked when she called this late. I could see her name</p> <p>17 flashing up on my phone screen. Something clicked</p> <p>18 straight away. I knew it couldn't be good news — I</p> <p>19 always spoke to her in the day whenever we spoke, but we</p> <p>20 only spoke occasionally — here and there. I answered</p> <p>21 the phone and said 'Hey cuz — are you okay? Is</p> <p>22 everything okay? You're calling quite late'. She said</p> <p>23 'Yeah I'm okay but I've got some news to tell you.</p> <p>24 Where are you?' I told her, 'I'm at home'. She said</p> <p>25 'What are you doing?' I said 'I'm about to go to bed.'</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 170</p>	<p>1 away, more than an hour and a half away. Unfortunately</p> <p>2 I don't drive so I called a minicab.</p> <p>3 "15. At 3:08am, just as I got into the cab and I</p> <p>4 was about to close the cab door, my sister Husna, the</p> <p>5 youngest of my siblings called me. She said 'There's</p> <p>6 afire and we are all trapped in our flat. You're my</p> <p>7 older brother, please forgive me if I've ever hurt you.</p> <p>8 I don't think we're going to make it.' — and then she</p> <p>9 cut the call. I tried calling her back. I called my</p> <p>10 brothers, my mother and my father but the phones kept on</p> <p>11 going to voicemail, no-one was picking up. I couldn't</p> <p>12 think of anyone else to call. I was sat in the cab with</p> <p>13 the door open, with one foot on the street and one</p> <p>14 inside the cab. The cab driver I told him what was</p> <p>15 going on. I told him to drive as fast as he could. He</p> <p>16 said 'I have to drive legally, but I will go as fast as</p> <p>17 I can, and take the shortest routes, because I do</p> <p>18 understand your situation, and I'm sorry, I pray that</p> <p>19 God saves them and they come out safely from the</p> <p>20 building.'</p> <p>21 "16. As I got there, I could see smoke coming from</p> <p>22 the Tower from miles away. As we got closer the roads</p> <p>23 were blocked. They were blocked with police,</p> <p>24 ambulances, and huge crowds of people. I couldn't get</p> <p>25 through the crowds properly but I managed to get as</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 172</p>

<p>1 close as I could, just outside of Latimer Road station</p> <p>2 where I had a better view to see the Tower. There were</p> <p>3 bits of debris in the roads. It was black foam that</p> <p>4 came off the building. I think I got to the area</p> <p>5 outside the Tower between 3.30am and 4am. I waited</p> <p>6 there for a good couple of hours. I couldn't go through</p> <p>7 the crowds. All sorts of people were asking me</p> <p>8 questions."</p> <p>9 That's where I propose to stop with that statement.</p> <p>10 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: All right, thank you very much.</p> <p>11 MS SIVAKUMARAN: The next two statements I propose to put</p> <p>12 into the record are those of relatives of the El-Wahabi</p> <p>13 families, both of whom, as you have already heard, were</p> <p>14 residents of the tower.</p> <p>15 AMINA CHAER-YEMLAHI (evidence read into the record)</p> <p>16 MS SIVAKUMARAN: Turning first to the statement of Amina</p> <p>17 Chaer-Yemlahi, IWS00000956.</p> <p>18 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.</p> <p>19 MS SIVAKUMARAN: It consists of seven pages and, on the</p> <p>20 seventh page, you'll see that it's signed on</p> <p>21 11 May 2018.</p> <p>22 The statement of truth is on the sixth page, just</p> <p>23 before the signature.</p> <p>24 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, very well, thank you.</p> <p>25 MS SIVAKUMARAN: I'd ask that statement is admitted into the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 173</p>	<p>1 was surprised that Touraya was calling me because it was</p> <p>2 so late. I thought it might be to do with Touraya's</p> <p>3 grandparents. Touraya asked me if I knew anything. I</p> <p>4 was worried and did not understand what she was asking</p> <p>5 me about. I told her I didn't know anything. Touraya</p> <p>6 sounded shaky and I could tell something was wrong. I</p> <p>7 asked her to tell me what was going on. She was</p> <p>8 repeating the question 'are you sure you don't know</p> <p>9 anything?'. I said to her 'I swear I don't know</p> <p>10 anything'. Then I asked her whether she had received</p> <p>11 news from Morocco but she told me it was not to do with</p> <p>12 news from Morocco. She told me 'Grenfell Tower, where</p> <p>13 your brother and sister live is on fire'. I asked whose</p> <p>14 flat she was talking about, my brother's or my sister's.</p> <p>15 She said to me the fire started at the bottom of the</p> <p>16 Tower and was going up the whole Tower. She said that</p> <p>17 Billal was talking to. Hanan who was making her way out</p> <p>18 of the Tower. She then said that my brother and his</p> <p>19 family were still in their flat. As I was talking to</p> <p>20 Touraya I ran from the sitting room to the bedroom. I</p> <p>21 opened the curtains and all I can remember is that my</p> <p>22 husband was lying on the bed and I was screaming, at him</p> <p>23 that my brother and my sister were on fire.</p> <p>24 "9. I screamed, ran downstairs and told Yousra, who</p> <p>25 was still on the phone to her husband, about the fire. I</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 175</p>
<p>1 record.</p> <p>2 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.</p> <p>3 MS SIVAKUMARAN: Ms Chaer-Yemlahi is the sister of</p> <p>4 Hanan Wahabi from whom we heard giving evidence on</p> <p>5 Thursday, 8 November 2018. She's also the sister of</p> <p>6 Abdulaziz El-Wahabi, who sadly passed away with his</p> <p>7 family in the tower.</p> <p>8 Ms Chaer-Yemlahi and her family live close to</p> <p>9 Grenfell Tower and the bedrooms of your property</p> <p>10 overlook the tower itself.</p> <p>11 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.</p> <p>12 MS SIVAKUMARAN: I propose to pick up from paragraph 8 on</p> <p>13 page 2, where she gives her account of and recollections</p> <p>14 of the events of the night.</p> <p>15 Ms Chaer-Yemlahi says:</p> <p>16 "8. At around 12.30am on 14 June 2017 I took a</p> <p>17 shower. My husband was lying down and Yousra was on the</p> <p>18 phone, talking to her husband. When I came out of the</p> <p>19 shower, I sat at the dining table. At around 1.15am my</p> <p>20 daughter in law, Touraya, called our landline. Our</p> <p>21 dining room does not look out onto Tower and so I was</p> <p>22 not aware that there was a fire and had not seen that</p> <p>23 anything was going on. Although I could hear lots of</p> <p>24 sirens, I didn't think anything of this because it is</p> <p>25 quite usual to hear sirens, When I answered the phone I</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 174</p>	<p>1 told Yousra to stay at home while I went to the Tower</p> <p>2 but she wanted to come with me. I put on my headscarf</p> <p>3 and Yousra and I ran out. We live very close to the</p> <p>4 Tower (about two or three minutes' walk away) and we</p> <p>5 were running, so we got there very quickly. We were at</p> <p>6 Silchester Road by the Methodist church and the new</p> <p>7 school Kensington Aldridge Academy.</p> <p>8 "10. When we got there, police officers were</p> <p>9 present and they wouldn't let us get any closer to the</p> <p>10 Tower. We were anyway very close to the Tower, directly</p> <p>11 underneath it."</p> <p>12 I then propose to pick up paragraph 11 of her</p> <p>13 statement.</p> <p>14 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.</p> <p>15 MS SIVAKUMARAN: Shortly before that she says that she meets</p> <p>16 up with Hanan outside the tower, and then she says at</p> <p>17 paragraph 11:</p> <p>18 "11. A short while later we spoke to Fouza, our</p> <p>19 sister-in-law on the phone. I spoke to her while my</p> <p>20 brother, Abdulaziz, was speaking to the emergency</p> <p>21 services. I spoke with Fouzia a couple of times, I was</p> <p>22 sharing the phone with other family members. My</p> <p>23 sister-in-law said the fire was in their kitchen and was</p> <p>24 coming towards the sitting room. I asked her 'where is</p> <p>25 my brother?' She told me he was talking to the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 176</p>

<p>1 emergency services. As I was speaking with Fouzia I</p> <p>2 could hear my brother's voice and I could hear him</p> <p>3 speaking to the emergency services. Then I passed the</p> <p>4 phone to my sister, Hanan.</p> <p>5 "12. At some point Hanan spoke with my brother,</p> <p>6 Abdulaziz. He told her that he had tried coming out of</p> <p>7 the flat with his youngest daughter and they had made it</p> <p>8 to the stairs but the smoke was too much and he couldn't</p> <p>9 see where he was going. When Abdulaziz made this</p> <p>10 attempt he was speaking to one of my sisters. She said</p> <p>11 to me that Abdulaziz had told my niece, Nurhoda, don't</p> <p>12 be scared, talk to your aunty. But it was too dark so</p> <p>13 he turned back and returned to the flat. I think</p> <p>14 Abdulaziz made a few attempts to leave. The emergency</p> <p>15 services told them to stay in the flat.</p> <p>16 "13. A very short while later we called my</p> <p>17 sister-in-law, Fouzia, again. I don't know what time it</p> <p>18 was. I lost track of time. We could see shadows in</p> <p>19 the sitting window of my brother's flat; some people</p> <p>20 were standing by the window. We couldn't make out who</p> <p>21 it was. Fouzia said that the emergency services had</p> <p>22 told them to go to their bedroom and close the door.</p> <p>23 Fouzia said that they had been told to close the door</p> <p>24 and put something under the door to block the smoke. I</p> <p>25 said to her to get all the towels and blankets and wet</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 177</p>	<p>1 a statement of truth. I'd ask that statement is</p> <p>2 admitted into the record.</p> <p>3 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.</p> <p>4 MS SIVAKUMARAN: Mr Chellat is the brother-in-law to</p> <p>5 Hanan Wahabi, Abdulaziz El-Wahabi and Mrs Chaer-Yemlahi,</p> <p>6 whose statement I read into the record. He and his</p> <p>7 family also lived close to Grenfell Tower.</p> <p>8 I pick up his statement at paragraph 6 on page 2.</p> <p>9 This is where he gives his recollection of the events of</p> <p>10 the night.</p> <p>11 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Right, thank you.</p> <p>12 MS SIVAKUMARAN: He says:</p> <p>13 "6. On the night of the fire, Ghita [his wife] was</p> <p>14 attending to her elderly sick mother who lived nearby on</p> <p>15 [redacted]. I was at our flat, having my last supper.</p> <p>16 I was in the kitchen when I heard the sound of sirens.</p> <p>17 I looked out of my kitchen window and I heard the sound</p> <p>18 of emergency services. I rushed to my bedroom window to</p> <p>19 get a better look and, when I realised it was in fact</p> <p>20 Grenfell tower, I rushed to wake my children and to get</p> <p>21 to the tower immediately. As I was leaving my flat, I</p> <p>22 realised I did not have anyone's phone numbers on me.</p> <p>23 My son [redacted] hurried to the scene and my daughter</p> <p>24 and I tried to call Henan and our other family members.</p> <p>25 There was no reply. We kept trying until Henan picked</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 179</p>
<p>1 them. I told Fouzia to cover the children and for them</p> <p>2 all to cover themselves under the blankets together.</p> <p>3 Fouzia called the children and I could hear her saying</p> <p>4 to them, 'your aunty is saying to wet the blankets and</p> <p>5 cover yourselves'. This was the last thing that I heard</p> <p>6 my sister say. I then passed the phone to my</p> <p>7 brother-in-law and then he passed it to my sister Asia.</p> <p>8 At some point that call ended. After I had spoken to</p> <p>9 Fouzia we had seen the lights going off at the sitting</p> <p>10 room window.</p> <p>11 "14. We then tried to ring again. The phone would</p> <p>12 ring and ring but no one would answer. We then tried my</p> <p>13 brother's phone, the house phone and the children's</p> <p>14 phones but no one answered. The phones were ringing and</p> <p>15 ringing.</p> <p>16 "15. Our family stayed together outside the Tower</p> <p>17 all night until the morning."</p> <p>18 That's where I propose to stop with that statement.</p> <p>19 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, thank you very much.</p> <p>20 AHMED CHELLAT (evidence read into the record)</p> <p>21 MS SIVAKUMARAN: The next statement I propose to read into</p> <p>22 the record is that of Ahmed Chellat. The reference is</p> <p>23 IWS00001006.</p> <p>24 This statement consists of 4 pages, and you'll see</p> <p>25 on the fourth page it's signed on 22 May 2018, under</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 178</p>	<p>1 up the third time. Henan informed us she and her family</p> <p>2 were safe but that Abdul Aziz was still inside. She</p> <p>3 told us to meet her outside the Methodist Church. At</p> <p>4 this point, my daughter, grandson and I rushed out and</p> <p>5 met Henan and her family outside, near the Methodist</p> <p>6 Church.</p> <p>7 "7. When we arrived, it was chaotic. We could hear</p> <p>8 the sounds of people inside the tower. People were</p> <p>9 screaming and crying outside.</p> <p>10 "8. At this point, the fire had not yet reached</p> <p>11 Abdul Aziz's flat. We continued to frantically call</p> <p>12 them. The police, however, arrived and moved us to the</p> <p>13 nearby Kensington Sports Centre. There we met other</p> <p>14 members of the family, including Amina, Assia, their</p> <p>15 daughters and [redacted]. We called Fouzia together.</p> <p>16 When I spoke to her, she seemed calm. She informed us</p> <p>17 Abdul Aziz had been on the 'phone to the fire services,</p> <p>18 who advised them to remain in the flat and not to leave.</p> <p>19 She believed that help was coming to them. I told them</p> <p>20 to quickly leave the flat. Several minutes later, when</p> <p>21 we rang Fouzia again, she explained that they were</p> <p>22 advised to move to a different room and close the doors</p> <p>23 as there was smoke sweeping through the main door and</p> <p>24 the gaps in the window frames. They were told to get</p> <p>25 blankets and cover themselves on the floor in this room.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 180</p>

<p>1 Fouzia's voice was becoming increasingly distressed. I 2 had seen Abdul Aziz at the window, waving for help. The 3 telephone contact with Fouzia was eventually lost. This 4 was the last time I saw Abdul Aziz.</p> <p>5 "9. The Portobello Rugby Club was open at this 6 point and we were all asked to move in there by the 7 police. There was however no one inside; nobody we 8 could seek advice and information in relation to the 9 fire and what help and assistance was provided to those 10 who remained inside. We still had some hope.</p> <p>11 "10. There were however rumours circulating at this 12 point about the fire generally and Fouzia and the rest 13 of the family, in particular. There was a tense, 14 frenzied environment with people searching for and 15 frantically calling loved ones. We kept hearing 16 different accounts from people."</p> <p>17 This is where I propose to stop with this statement.</p> <p>18 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: All right, thank you very much.</p> <p>19 MOHAMED SEBBAR (evidence read into the record)</p> <p>20 MS SIVAKUMARAN: The final statement that I propose to read 21 into the record this afternoon is that of 22 Mohamed Sebbar. This had initially been listed to read 23 into the record last week but, due to time, we're 24 reading it in today.</p> <p>25 Mr Mohamed Sebbar is the son of Abdeslam Sebbar, and</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 181</p>	<p>1 above (Flat 91) because he had so much stress and 2 trouble from that flat in the last couple years before 3 the fire due to water leaks. His flat was flooded, 4 destroying all his furniture and causing him trauma and 5 stress. The TMO dealt with his case very badly and even 6 tried to evacuate him against his wishes, no repair was 7 done to the damage and no replacement of the furniture 8 the photos were provided to KCTMO.</p> <p>9 "3. On our way to Tower I was talking to my dad 10 trying to calm him and to assure him that everything 11 will be ok. I wasn't aware of the scale of the fire at 12 the time. I asked him to leave the building even though 13 I know it is impossible for my dad to escape in this 14 situation without help and support from someone. He 15 doesn't like to use the tower stairs at night time which 16 are normally filthy and with poor lighting.</p> <p>17 "4. As we approached the tower we could see the 18 smoke from far away. We parked near to the tower on 19 Stoneleigh Street. There were a few ambulances and fire 20 engines in the area. We rushed to the Tower main door. 21 Police were there, and they refused us entry and pushed 22 us away. At that time, I was with my dad on the phone 23 and I told him that we are at the main door and that the 24 police were stopping us from going inside. We tried to 25 explain that my dad needed help to come out to safely.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 183</p>
<p>1 he has provided a statement with reference IWS00000903. 2 This statement consists of three pages, and it's signed 3 on the third page on 30 June 2018 under a statement of 4 truth.</p> <p>5 I'd ask that the entirety of this statement is read 6 into the record.</p> <p>7 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes.</p> <p>8 MS SIVAKUMARAN: I'd propose to read from his statement 9 starting at paragraph 2, where he gives his 10 recollections of the events of 14 June.</p> <p>11 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, thank you.</p> <p>12 MS SIVAKUMARAN: Mr Sebbar says:</p> <p>13 "2. On the 14th of June 2018 around 1:15 am, my 14 sister called me telling me that The Grenfell Tower was 15 on fire and that our dad still in his flat. It was very 16 shocking news for me, but I was not expecting the fire 17 to be large in scale. I called my son and we drove from 18 [redacted] area where we live towards the Tower. As we 19 drove my legs were shaking and I was very worried, I 20 just wanted to get there as soon as possible. The 10/15 21 minute drive was very long and painful, especially after 22 I received a phone call from my dad asking me where I 23 was, and telling me that there was fire in the building. 24 He was upset, worried and nervous and he said: 'those 25 people set fire to us'. He was referring to the flat</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 182</p>	<p>1 Their reply was that firemen will help him out. We had 2 a great expectation that my father will be safe as the 3 fire hadn't reached his flat and we could see a few 4 firemen around.</p> <p>5 "5. We ran to the corner of the tower near the 6 leisure centre where we could see my dad's flat. The 7 fire was still far from his flat but it was in many 8 different locations on the tower and we could see fire 9 men on the fire engine's ladder throwing water in some 10 lower flats. It was a great concern for me because I 11 could see the fire spreading from side to side. My dad 12 was still alive, he was coughing, choking, having 13 problems breathing and saying I am dying, and later his 14 voice vanished."</p> <p>15 That's where I propose to stop with that statement.</p> <p>16 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: All right, thank you very much.</p> <p>17 MS SIVAKUMARAN: Mr Chairman, that concludes the statements 18 that I propose to read into the record today.</p> <p>19 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: All right.</p> <p>20 MS SIVAKUMARAN: And the business for today.</p> <p>21 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Good. Well, thank very much.</p> <p>22 Again, as I've said before, I'm very grateful to all 23 those who have taken the time and trouble to make these 24 statements. They will form part of the evidence before 25 the inquiry and be put into the inquiry record. It will</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 184</p>

<p>1 be very helpful to go with all the other evidence that</p> <p>2 we receive.</p> <p>3 MS SIVAKUMARAN: Sir, I understand that there is also</p> <p>4 an application for tomorrow to start at 9.30 am. As</p> <p>5 you'll be aware, we have quite a full schedule of</p> <p>6 witnesses and I understand that application is to begin</p> <p>7 earlier.</p> <p>8 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: You have been speaking to</p> <p>9 Mr Millett, haven't you?</p> <p>10 MS SIVAKUMARAN: Yes.</p> <p>11 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes. Well, I understand that we</p> <p>12 have a lot of work to get through tomorrow, and although</p> <p>13 I suspect no one likes to start early, I think in this</p> <p>14 case it's necessary to do so.</p> <p>15 So we will sit at 9.30 tomorrow. Sorry about that,</p> <p>16 but it's necessary.</p> <p>17 Good. Thank you very much. 9.30 tomorrow, then,</p> <p>18 please.</p> <p>19 (3.45 pm)</p> <p>20 (The hearing adjourned until Thursday, 15 November, 2018</p> <p>21 at 9.30 am)</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 185</p>	<p>1 the record)</p> <p>2 MONA AGHLANI (evidence read into the160</p> <p>3 record)</p> <p>4 NAZANIN AGHLANI (evidence read into162</p> <p>5 the record)</p> <p>6 MOHAMMAD SAMIMI (evidence read into162</p> <p>7 the record)</p> <p>8 SAYEDA IBRAHIM (evidence read into165</p> <p>9 the record)</p> <p>10 MOHAMMED ABDUL HAKIM (evidence read169</p> <p>11 into the record)</p> <p>12 AMINA CHAER-YEMLAHI (evidence read173</p> <p>13 into the record)</p> <p>14 AHMED CHELLAT (evidence read into178</p> <p>15 the record)</p> <p>16 MOHAMED SEBBAR (evidence read into181</p> <p>17 the record)</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 187</p>
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