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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Sir Martin,

Following publication of your report on Phase 1 of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry, I wrote to you on 20 December 2019 to confirm I would publish the Government's response to the report once Parliament returned from Christmas recess.

Your report on what happened the night of the Grenfell Tower Fire is authoritative and comprehensive. You do not shy away from the often harrowing evidence of what transpired on 14 June 2017, and your recommendations about what needs to be done to prevent a tragedy like this from happening again are clear and numerous.

Immediately after your report was published, I announced to the House that the Government would accept in principle all the recommendations of the report. Following my announcement, the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government worked with the Home Secretary to agree how best to implement your recommendations. I can confirm that the Secretary of State has today published the Government's response to the Inquiry's Phase 1 Report on the GOV.UK website. A copy of this response is attached to this letter for your reference.

The Government's response to your report confirms that we are now in the process of implementing its recommendations in full. It gives further detail on the legislative changes that the Government intends to make to the Fire Safety Order, and includes other programmes of work that have been established to implement your recommendations. In addition, the response outlines the work the Government is undertaking with Fire and Rescue Services to ensure they are implementing recommendations directed at them. To ensure that the Government's response is given the proper scrutiny that matters of this importance deserve, this publication is being followed by a parliamentary debate.

I am clear that Phase 1 of the Inquiry is only part of the story. As you embark upon Phase 2, I hope this response gives you, and the bereaved and survivors of the Grenfell Tower fire, confidence that the Government is taking decisive action on all your recommendations and that we stand ready to do the same for Phase 2.

Yours sincerely
David Cameron

The Right Honourable Sir Martin Moore-Bick