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John Griffiths AM Chair Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

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Dear John,

I would like to provide you and the Committee with a further update on remediation of the 12 private sector high-rise residential buildings identified as having non-compliant ACM cladding.

Last month, Bellway Homes informed the Welsh Government and leaseholders at two Cardiff developments (seven buildings at Prospect Place and one at Quayside Apartments) that work would be taken forward to remove and replace ACM cladding. This, and the decision that no financial contribution would be sought from leaseholders, was a most welcome development. I understand the work is due to commence by the summer of 2019.

Work has been completed on one further building, with the ACM removed from another (recladding is due to be finalised in December). Large-scale bespoke tests have been commissioned in respect of the cladding systems on the remaining two residential blocks. These tests are likely to be conducted in December or January. The developer has previously signalled its commitment to take and, if need be, fund any necessary remedial action.

I have asked my officials to monitor progress as we advance towards our goal of having all non-compliant ACM removed from high-rise residential buildings.

Yours sincerely,

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Y Gweinidog Tai ac Adfywio Minister for Housing and Regeneration