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Dear Clive,

I wanted to bring to your attention my update to colleagues on the large scale testing of wall systems and the review of the Building fire safety system. The update sets out the results of the first large scale test undertaken on a wall cladding system. As you will see the independent expert panel have advised that the system did not meet the required standard, and my Department has provided further advice to building owners affected, as well as other interested parties, on the basis of advice from the expert panel. That information is also now available online ([LINK](#)).

We are continuing to carry out tests on combinations of cladding and insulation and further tests will continue over the summer. I will provide further advice to all colleagues in light of those tests.

The Government is absolutely committed to making sure that all homes are as safe from fire as they can possibly be. To help deliver that commitment, you will have also seen that I have announced a forward looking review of building regulations and fire safety, reporting to me and the Home Secretary. The review will examine:

- the regulatory system around the design, construction and on-going management of buildings in relation to fire safety;
- related compliance and enforcement issues; and
- international regulation and experience in this area

This work - which will be led by Dame Judith Hackitt, a former chair of the Health and Safety Executive, and also Chair of EEF, the Manufacturers' Organisation - will be conducted independently and will complement Sir Martin Moore-Bick's public inquiry. The full terms of reference will be published later in the summer, once the terms of reference for the public inquiry have been agreed. It is expected that an interim report will be presented before the end of the year, with a final report no later than spring 2018.

I would like to invite you and your committee members to fully engage with the review. I am keen to ensure that the recommendations of the review help us address any concerns about the building regulations and fire safety to ensure that all our homes are as safe as they can be in the future. I am of course happy to meet you to discuss the testing regime and the review.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Javid', with a small comma at the end.

RT HON SAJID JAVID