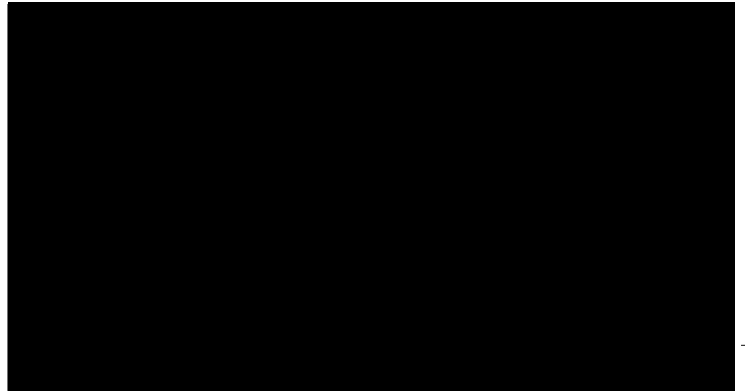




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Dear Clive,

In my letter of 13 September 2018, I committed to update you on the Government's response to the Grenfell tragedy. On 29 November, I made a Written Ministerial Statement (WMS) to the House providing an update on the work to ensure that the bereaved, survivors and wider community continue to receive the help and support they need.

Since announcing in August 2018 that Government intends to take responsibility for the Grenfell Tower site, I was pleased to update the House on the steps I have taken to put this announcement into effect. I also reiterated the Government's on-going support for the long term future of the site to be determined by the community in line with the Government's Principles Governing Consultation on the Future of the Grenfell Tower site published on 1 March 2018.

In my previous letter, I provided you with the details of the development of the Memorial Commission. The nomination process for community representatives from the bereaved, survivors and local residents opened at the end of October 2018 and is currently underway. The Minister for Grenfell Victims, the Rt Hon Nick Hurd MP, met with some of the bereaved and survivors at a Memorial Commission information meeting early in November 2018, where they discussed the process and the role of community representatives. We anticipate that the Commission's membership and Chair will be confirmed in the Spring.

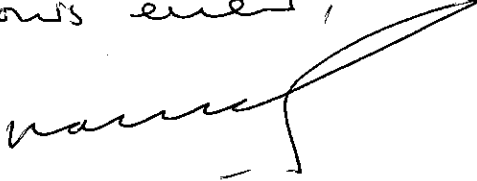
I also updated the House on the important work the Government has undertaken since the fire to make sure that people are safe and feel safe.

Regulations have now been laid to give legal effect to the ban on the use of combustible materials on the external walls of new buildings over 18m containing flats, as well as new hospitals, residential care premises, dormitories in boarding schools and student accommodation over 18m.

I also announced what we are doing to support local authorities to take action where private sector high rise buildings have been identified as having unsafe Aluminium Composite Material (ACM) and building owners' remediation plans remain unclear.

A link to the written ministerial statement can be found here:

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statements/>

Yours ever,


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