

# Treasury Committee

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Thank you for appearing before the Committee on 12 June. Owing to time constraints, the Committee did not take any evidence from you on whether any businesses or residents who live or work in properties with Grenfell Tower-type cladding have requested adjustments to their council tax and business rates, based on the significant devaluation of their properties after the fire.

I would be grateful if you could provide evidence to the Committee on the following:

- Has the Valuation Office Agency (VOA) been contacted by any residents who are challenging their council tax banding or businesses who are challenging their rateable value as a result of the devaluation of properties in blocks which are covered in Grenfell-type cladding? If so, have their appeals been successful?
- Has the VOA, in its role of determining the value of Right to Buy properties, conducted any valuations of properties with Grenfell-type cladding? If so, how did you seek to value these properties?
- Has the VOA proactively contacted residents or business who may have been affected by a devaluation of their property as a result of the Grenfell fire?

I would be grateful for a response by 27 June. I am placing this letter and in due course, your response, in the public domain.

Rt Hon. Nicky Morgan MP  
Chair of the Treasury Committee