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Dear Mrs Morgan

Thank you for your letter of 18 June 2018, on behalf of the Treasury Select Committee, about Grenfell Tower-type cladding.

Taking your questions in turn:

#### **Contact from residents and businesses**

We have received a small number of contacts from businesses and residents regarding the possible impact on value of cladding. However, it would be inappropriate to comment on the outcome of specific cases, due to taxpayer confidentiality.

#### **Right to Buy properties**

The VOA has received no Right to Buy valuation requests in respect of properties with Grenfell Tower-type cladding since the fire on 14th June 2017.

#### **Residents affected by the Grenfell fire**

We took a proactive role in the response to the disaster, working closely with the Grenfell response team and other government departments. This included removing properties destroyed by the fire from the Council Tax and business rate lists within a week, and reducing rateable values of business properties which were affected (but not destroyed) by the fire. We have also liaised closely with MHCLG and the local authority in their efforts to provide discretionary relief for properties in the wider area that were affected.

I hope my explanations have been helpful.

Yours sincerely

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