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Grenfell : Building Safety

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NFCC Response

- **14 June – Call With Dany Cotton**
- **15 June – First Ministerial Meeting, first day for Nick Hurd and Alok Sharma – Fledgling NFCC**
- **Data Collection other ACM Buildings 600+**
- **Close Links to LGA/FSMC**
- **Visits by Fire & Rescue – 1255 before October**
- **Screening Tests – almost 100% Failure**
- **Interim Fire Safety – 22 June**
 - **Fire Risk Assessment**
 - **Residents, Doors, Means of Escape**
 - **Compartmentation, Smoke Control**
 - **Firefighting Facilities**
 - **Car Parks and BBQs**
 - **Temporary Communal Alarms and Fire Wardens**



Related Matters

- **Camden – Chalcots Estate – 21 June**



- **Mad Day Saturday – 24 June**
 - All NHS Buildings
- **Data Cleansing – 290 blocks, mainly London and Manchester**
- **Expert Panel – 27 June**



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Building Regulations- a reminder

Clause 12.7 specifically refers to insulation materials and filler materials but is now being interpreted more generally (see BCA Guidance note 18). Therefore where a building has a storey 18m or more above ground level all significant materials should be of limited combustibility (Class A2 in accordance with EN 13501-1)

➤ Option 1

- Use Materials of Limited Combustibility

➤ Option 2

- Testing to BS 8414-1/2 and meeting BR 135 criteria

➤ Option 3

- Fire engineered assessment of cladding based on test data (Desktop)

➤ Option 4

- Holistic fire engineered assessment of whole building



Grenfell Tower

- Grenfell – We are:
 - centrally co-ordinating fire and rescue services' fire safety auditing of ACM clad buildings, witnessing and assuring tests, and commissioning fire safety audits
 - reporting into government forums – Ministerial, Expert Panel, Industry Response Group
 - providing advice and support to FRSs throughout the auditing process on a case by case basis where necessary
 - coordinating national input to Dame Judith Hackitt's independent review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety
 - Dame Judith's interim report has found the current regime is not fit for purpose; 6 working groups are being established, and NFCC is playing a key role in all of these
 - Public Inquiry



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Hackitt Review Workstreams

- **Design, construction and refurbishment –**
 - Early consultation with FRS and weight to comments
- **Occupation and maintenance –**
 - Hand over, maintenance, responsible person, FRS role
- **Competency –**
 - For all including inspecting officers, fire safety input for professions
- **Regulation and guidance –**
 - Clarity of enforcement, levels of action, clarity on guidance
- **Products –**
 - Testing Regime, Desktops, sign off of products used
- **Residents' voice –**
 - Whistle blowing & listened to.

