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## **DAME JUDITH HACKITT'S FINAL REPORT**

It is almost one year since the Grenfell Tower tragedy. 71 people died in the greatest loss of life in a fire in a century. The Government's immediate priority was to support those affected to ensure that they continue to receive the support they need and deserve. The Government is also determined to learn from this terrible tragedy so nothing like this can ever happen again.

Dame Judith Hackitt was asked to undertake her review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety, which was recently published. The Government have made some initial responses to this publication and several other related announcements. To view the full report click [here](#).

### **The Key Government Responses & Announcements**

#### *Independent Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety*

The review shown that people who should be accountable for fire safety have failed in their duties. In future, those responsible must demonstrate they have taken decisive action to reduce risks and will be held to account. They agree that the system should be overseen by a more effective regulatory framework, including stronger powers to tackle irresponsible behaviour.

They also agree that residents must be empowered with relevant information. They have committed to bring forward legislation that ensures residents have a much stronger voice in an improved system of fire safety.



## *Remediation of ACM Clad Buildings*

Their well aware of the work that's already being done by social housing landlord of making their buildings safe. Interim measures are in place across all affected buildings in the social sector and work has already started on two thirds of these.

They recognise that the expense involved means having to make decisions about how to prioritise important services. It been announced that the Government will fully fund the removal and replacement of dangerous cladding on buildings owned by councils and housing associations, with costs estimated at £400 million. The Government will also continue to offer financial flexibilities for local authorities who need to undertake essential fire safety work and will also give local authorities further levers to speed up identification and ensure remediation of unsafe cladding in the private sector

## *Fire Doors*

The doors from Grenfell Tower marketed as meeting a 30 minute fire resistance standard, failed the test after approximately 15 minutes. Advice sought from the independent Expert Panel on Building Safety Panel has sufficient evidence to conclude that flat entrance doors at Grenfell do not consistently meet the 30 minute fire resistance standard they were marketed as providing. The Expert Panel advises that all doors should be assessed regularly to make sure they are likely to meet minimum standards and the relevant Department will continue investigations into the wider fire door market, and will test fire doors from other door suppliers.

The Government know that the top priority will be considering what needs to be done to ensure that residents are safe and feel safe in their homes. As they takes forward Dame Judith's recommendations, they look forward to hearing the views and working with relevant parties to build a system of regulation that puts people and their safety first, and which rebuilds public trust.

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