

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

Paul McLennan MSP Minister for Housing Scottish Government

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Dear Paul

Cladding Remediation Programme

Thank you for attending the Committee's meetings on the 10th December 2024 and 22nd April 2025 to provide information on the Cladding Remediation Programme, and for writing to the Committee on 6th January with further details on the Scottish Government's priorities for action over the coming year.

Our evidence sessions in December and this month were held because of concerns expressed by the Committee in its <u>tracker report</u> about the slow pace of progress being made in Scotland to remediate buildings with potentially dangerous cladding. In your oral evidence to the Committee and in correspondence you have explained that you expect this to accelerate during the course of the year, through a range of actions being taken by the Scottish Government.

As you know the Committee intends to continue to track the progress being made on this important issue throughout the remainder of this Parliamentary session. We therefore request that you provide the Committee with a quarterly update as outlined below:

• Buildings

- Total number of buildings identified as having potentially flammable cladding.
- Number of additional buildings with potentially flammable cladding identified during this quarter.

- Number of buildings where cladding remediation has been formally completed this quarter.
- For each of these figures please outline the numbers within each category of remediation pathway (for example whether Scottish Government-led or developer-led)

Single Building Assessments

- Number of Single Building Assessments that have been instructed but work is yet to begin.
- Number of Single Building Assessments currently underway.
- o Number of Single Building Assessments that have been completed.
- Number of buildings with potentially flammable cladding where no Single Building Assessment has begun.

Remediation

- Number of buildings identified as needing remediation work following a Single Building Assessment.
- Number of buildings where remediation work has been instructed but is yet to begin.
- Number of buildings where remediation work is currently ongoing.
- Number of buildings where remediation work is required but no action has been taken to date.

Open call

- Numbers and type of notifications made under the Open Call process.
- Outline of action taken on notifications.

Could you also please advise:

- Which developers are included in the developer remediation contract, and provide an update once negotiations are concluded.
- When the cladding remediation programme is expected to be completed.
- What milestones the Scottish Government will put in place to measure progress toward completion.
- The process by which the numbers of applicants, the categorisation of these and their current progress status is monitored.

Contact: Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP. Email: localgov.committee@parliament.scot. We welcome calls through Relay UK and in BSL through Contact Scotland BSL.

I would be grateful to receive your first report no later than 5^{th} June, and thereafter on a quarterly basis.
Yours sincerely,
Ariane Burgess Convener, Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee