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Thank you for your letter of 27 June to the Deputy Prime Minister, the Rt Hon Angela Rayner MP, regarding the presence of reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) in private homes. I am responding as the minister responsible for this policy area. I sincerely apologise for the lateness of my response.

In January this year, I met with Paul McLennan MSP, who shared the available data on the number of homes in private ownership with RAAC in Scotland and the likely financial impact for those affected. This was shared with the Building Safety Regulator (BSR) as they continue to monitor RAAC, in line with their duty under the Building Safety Act 2022 to keep under review the safety and standards of all buildings in England.

Building safety and local government finance are devolved to the Scottish Government, therefore, any decisions on funding to support building owners to manage RAAC are for the Scottish Government and affected local authorities.

Building owners should follow guidance from the Institution of Structural Engineers (IStructE) to identify, assess, and manage issues relating to RAAC in their buildings. This guidance outlines that the structural condition of RAAC panels needs to be determined by a structural engineer, who may recommend ongoing monitoring or strengthening works. In some instances, it may be necessary to remove or replace RAAC panels, but this depends on the risk presented. Further information is available from IStructE at www.istructe.org/resources/news/istructe-statement-reinforced-autoclaved-aerated-c/.n

I hope that this information is useful. Thank you for writing on this important matter,

Yours sincerely,

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