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Thank you for your letter of 17 August concerning funding arrangements for fire safety works.

As I said in my letter to all local authority Chief Executives on 31 July, the starting assumption is that authorities, as the landlord, will fund the costs of necessary work. However, there may be circumstances where Government would consider the removal of financial restrictions to enable works to go ahead. This would only be the case where the fire and rescue service have identified essential fire safety measures, or where you are incurring costs to remove and replace cladding because of failed ACM tests. The support would not extend to additional fire safety measures that are not essential.

I note your comments regarding the cost of fire safety work. It is important that an assessment is made of the essential fire safety measures needed on a building by building basis.

If you would like to explore what options may be available, then could I ask you to provide my officials with more detail in response to the attached list of questions. Once we have received the information we will be in contact to discuss the detail. Please send your reply to:

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