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Dear Paul,

I refer to the fire safety tests of non-ACM cladding commissioned by the UK Government post the Grenfell Tower fire, including a test commissioned on High Pressure Laminate (HPL) cladding, the results of which can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fire-test-report-mhclg-bs-8414-hpl>.

While the particular HPL cladding system tested passed the fire safety test, the expert advice is that it is likely that other configurations of HPL cladding systems may not.

The Scottish Government is now undertaking an exercise to establish the extent of the use of HPL cladding in buildings across Scotland. A report will be prepared for the Ministerial Working Group on Building and Fire Safety once the HPL Data Collection has been completed. **The scope of this exercise is strictly limited to care homes that have buildings with external HPL cladding installed and which have any single building with a floor area of 200m² or more. Care homes that have any single building with a floor area of 200m² or more should complete the HPL Data Collection Questionnaire for each building with external HPL cladding installed. Care homes that do not have any single building with a floor area of 200m² or more should complete the HPL Data Collection Questionnaire by submitting a NIL Return.**

I would be grateful if you would issue the attached HPL Data Collection Questionnaire to the Care Inspectorate to distribute this to each of the care homes in Scotland along with a copy of this letter. We are looking for each questionnaire to be completed and returned by 22 February 2020. If a care home anticipates that it will be unable to submit the HPL data by 22 February 2020 then e-mail notification to BFSResponse@gov.scot is required by no later than 22 January 2020. Completion instructions and guidance, including the address for submission of the HPL Data, are enclosed in the questionnaire. For any queries about completing the questionnaire, please contact William Welsh on 0131 528 5712 or e-mail: BFSResponse@gov.scot.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

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