

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA090518-1553

7 July 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 9 May 2018. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Our response to your request is as follows;

1. *Please provide the total spent by the GLA / granted by the GLA to London councils from June 14th 2017 to May 8th 2018, on fire safety measures taken by the GLA/ London councils in the aftermath of the Grenfell disaster.*
2. *Please state whether the GLA has requested extra funding from the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government for Grenfell related fire safety work. If so, please state*
 - a) *Whether this request was approved by MHCLG*
 - b) *The amount requested by the GLA*
 - c) *What this money will/ would have been used for by the GLA*

The fire at Grenfell Tower on 14 June devastated the north Kensington community and caused the loss of 72 Londoners. The Mayor is doing everything within his power to achieve justice for the bereaved, survivors and residents, and to ensure a tragedy like this never happens again. The GLA is not a stock owning public body and therefore has not spent any money on fire safety measures post-Grenfell, nor has it issued any grant to London councils, nor has it requested any funds from MHCLG. However, the Mayor takes fire safety issues extremely seriously and is taking proactive, radical steps to achieve this.

The draft London Plan requires new building proposals to achieve the highest standards of fire safety and reduce the risk to life in the event of a fire. In future, all major development proposals will need to be supported by a Fire Statement – an independent strategy for fire safety for the building. This Fire Statement could be seen as an example of the Golden Thread identified in Dame Judith Hackitt's Independent Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety. It is vital that lessons are learnt from this horrific tragedy and the Mayor is urging Government to commit to the changes needed to provide residents with the confidence and assurance they need to live in high-rise buildings. As part of this, the Mayor is fully supportive of the London Fire Brigade's campaign to increase the use of sprinklers in tall buildings.

d) Please provide a copy of all communications between the Mayor's Office and ministers of the DCLG/ MHCLG concerning fire safety from June 14th 2017 to May 8th 2018.

Please find attached the information we have identified as within scope of this part of your request.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA090518-1553

Yours sincerely

Paul Robinson
Information Governance Officer

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<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>