

13 July 2022

Dear

ATISN 16401 – Cladding inspections

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 15 June 2022. You asked:

1. How many buildings in Wales have been identified for cladding inspections as of June 2022?

Following the Grenfell Tower fire, 12 private and 3 social sector high-rise residential buildings were found to have non-compliant Aluminium composite material (ACM) cladding in Wales. Work to remove and replace non-compliant ACM cladding has now been successfully completed on all three social sector high-rise residential buildings. The 12 private sector buildings are being remediated by the private sector, in all cases, cladding has either been removed or plans are in place to complete this work.

Our Welsh Building Safety Fund opened in September 2021 and invited responsible persons to submit Expressions of Interest for buildings that they knew or suspected to have fire safety issues. To date, we have received 258 Expressions of Interest. A digital survey has been completed for all of these submissions and 161 buildings have been identified for further intrusive survey work. We have committed to a holistic approach to the identification of fire safety issues, which extends beyond cladding. The surveys being carried out will include both internal assessments, as well as cladding inspections where appropriate.

2. Have all these buildings been inspected for cladding issues?

The intrusive survey work began in March, and we aim to complete the surveys of these buildings by the end of the summer.

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely