

From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

Sent: 14 August 2017 17:18

To: [REDACTED]; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills; Macdonald R (Roddy)

Cc: [REDACTED]
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Subject: RE: Cladding update for 4pm friday

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Thanks again for this. As discussed, I have advised DFM that officials will provide a further update on this by Friday containing more detailed analysis of the lengthy submissions received.

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From: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

Sent: 11 August 2017 22:00

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Subject: Re: Cladding update for 4pm friday

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Many thanks for getting this to us do promptly.

DFM has asked that the local authorities who have not responded are contacted over the weekend, seeking a response by Monday morning.

DFM would like a further update on monday.

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From: Pathirana S (Stephen)
Sent: 28 August 2017 16:10
To: Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities
Cc: [REDACTED]
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Subject: RE: CABINET; 29 AUGUST 2017 - BBA - external wall insulation issue.
Attachments: SCANCE- MWG BBA.doc; Building Cladding - Q&A BBA issue.docx

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Please find attached a short speaking note on BBA issue for Ms Constance for tomorrows cabinet meeting

Please also find attached Q&A on the same issue.

Set out below is a brief update on where we are today on this issue.

- We have been able to speak with the Chief Exec of the BBA. The BBA will share the information they have with Scottish Government, however the BBA certification system sets out to certify building products and systems. For this reason the certificates sit with the producers (certificate holders) and not the installers, who should be installing products to the specified standard, including carrying out specific wind load calculations. The BBA therefore does not hold information on what buildings might be effected.
- While our initial understanding was that this was a retrofit problem, the BBA certification system relates to products and systems that can also be part of new build so it is possible that new builds will also be effected by this problem. The problem is therefore potentially wider than first thought.
- Our judgment at the present point in time is the most effective way to establish the extent of the problem in Scotland will be to write to all local authorities to:
 - Identify buildings that have been over clad with external wall insulation systems, both retrofit and new.
 - And to write to these building owners to seek expert advice on whether they have clear evidence that appropriate wind load calculations have been done, as part of the installation of the external insulation, and to carry out a structural survey of their building.
- Because of the English bank holiday we have not been able to speak with the UK Government. However at this point in time we have no reason to believe that the UK government will decide to act before the Ministerial telephone call on Wednesday. We therefore suggest that in this Scottish Ministers press for a joined up approach to writing out to Local Authorities at the same time and develop common public communication lines around the issue.

Best wishes

Stephen

Deputy Director
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Please note my work pattern is Monday to Thursday-Office, Friday morning - working from home

Speaking Notes

Speaking Note – Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities

- The Government's main concern is public safety and every step is being taken to identify the scale of the issue and what buildings might be effected here in Scotland. This could affect high-rise and medium rise domestic as well as non-domestic so there might be implications for schools, hospitals and other public as well as private buildings. This issue isn't limited to buildings that have been retrofit with external wall insulation but may also be an issue for buildings designed from scratch with external wall insulation.
- The extent of actual failures and the number of building affected is not yet known. BBA do not hold data that will answer this question. The BBA certification system sets out to certify building products and systems. For this reason the certificates sit with the producers (certificate holders) and not the installers, who should be installing products to the specified standard, including carrying out specific wind load calculations.
- BBA are working on providing advice and guidance for building owners and a methodology for assessing building risk. Both UK and SG officials are working closely with them to ensure a consistent approach to any recommended remedial actions.
- UK Ministers were briefed on the evening of Thursday 24 August – we believe their concerns mirror ours.
- The logical course of action will be to write to all local authorities to establish the extent of the problem in Scotland. It is preferable that this is done in a co-ordinated manner with other UK administrations. I have a call with UK Ministers scheduled for Wednesday morning in which I intend to discuss handling, officials are due to meet and discuss the issue on 1st September.
- SG Officials are also establishing facts on EWI installations carried out through Home Energy Efficiency Schemes (HEEPS) (and others funded through UK wide ECO schemes) to assist in understanding the extent to which domestic buildings in Scotland may be affected.
- Research by BBA have been limited to high rise buildings which have had EWI retrofitted but similar issues may arise in medium rise building and those in high wind exposure zones as well as other non-domestic buildings and new build using EWI.
- The Scottish Government's Ministerial Working Group on Building & Fire Safety will coordinate any necessary action. And as the Scottish Government have done in the response to the Grenfell tragedy in London it will proactively make information publicly available as soon as it is confirmed.

From: McLaughlin C (Christine)

Sent: 31 August 2017 22:26

To: Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport; Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities; First Minister; DG Health & Social Care; Gray P (Paul) (Health)

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Emerging Issue - Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh Cladding

[REDACTED]

I have today been made aware of an issue relating to the cladding at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, which is a 15 year old, 4 storey PFI site operated by CONSORT. The cladding would appear to be of a similar nature (although older) to that found at the Queen Elizabeth in Glasgow.

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I will provide a more up to date position following the site visit tomorrow but please contact me if you require any further information this evening.

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Subject: Re: Emerging Issue - Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh Cladding

Christine,

Thank you for the email below. The First Minister has noted the information provided and would be grateful to be kept closely updated on this matter.

Regards

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 November 2017 13:22
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Subject: FW: Emerging Issue - Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh Cladding

From: [REDACTED] On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport
Sent: 01 September 2017 09:00
To: McLaughlin C (Christine); Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport; Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities; First Minister; DG Health & Social Care; Gray P (Paul) (Health)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Emerging Issue - Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh Cladding

Thanks Christine. Ms Robison would appreciate an update on both the Royal Infirmary and the QEUH later on today, please.

Thanks [REDACTED]

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Sent: 01 September 2017 10:43

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Subject: RE: Emerging Issue - Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh Cladding

Also adding extending the copy list to include colleagues in the Fire and Rescue team.

Kind regards,

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[REDACTED] Private Secretary to Annabelle Ewing MSP | Minister for Community Safety & Legal Affairs [REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Minister for Local Government and Housing

Sent: 01 September 2017 10:09

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Subject: RE: Emerging Issue - Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh Cladding

Thanks Stuart, extending the copy list to include colleagues in the Building and Fire Safety Co-ordination Team and Comms.

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Private Secretary to Kevin Stewart, Minister for Local Government and Housing

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Sent: 31 August 2017 22:33

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Subject: RE: Emerging Issue - Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh Cladding

Adding Mr Stewart and Ms Ewing, as members of the Ministerial Working Group, to copy list.

Thanks.

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