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Further to your recent correspondence from the Chair of the LG & Housing Committee - dated May 26 2022. Sadly the Minister's replies told us nothing that we did not know and provided little in depth detail that we desperately need from the WG.

We remain deeply concerned about the slow rate of progress on Welsh home fire safety and would ask that you communicate to the Chair that on 5/6 April Welsh developer Redrow committed to remediate their English defective homes. As of today Redrow have yet to make any announcement about their seriously defective Welsh homes. At the same time Laing O'Rourke who the Welsh Government paid £350m to build the new Grange University Hospital has failed to even engage with the Minister on their defective builds in Cardiff Bay. One of which the WG has already funded repairs to the tune of £1.75m. We would like to know if the WG intends to litigate against LOR to recover those tax-payer monies?

We also have no indication from Minister Julie James about when very critical legal protections contained within the English Building Safety Act will be enacted in Wales. We also have no indication as to when funding will flow to impacted developments. Meanwhile innocent Welsh homeowners are unable to sell their homes and live with 24/7 mental stress and financial worry. Some of our members are now having to face developers like Redrow and others in the courts. We are facing expensive teams of QCs with all the attendant financial risks. This cannot be fair when we are innocent victims.

On 14 June it will be five years since the Grenfell tragedy and we have no way of knowing when our misery will end

We again request an opportunity to appear urgently before the Committee to express our concerns. We look forward to hearing from you

With regards

Welsh Cladiators Group