From: Foi Enquiries

To: Subject:

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Attachments: Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf

Dear

Thank you for your information request of 9 August 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

I'd like to know the cost of all work undertaken to check buildings for fire safety, including testing of cladding components, following the Grenfell Tower fire on 14th June 2017.

Re-clad high rise blocks have been subject to building warrant approval and as such comply with Scottish building regulations. For this reason, Aberdeen City Council have not carried out any testing of cladding components or remedial works, nor have any external contractors been appointed to undertake fire safety checks or remedial works.

Aberdeen City Council have carried out fire risk assessments of all wholly or partly owned high rise dwelling blocks and are currently developing an action plan to mitigate any identified risks. These risk assessments have been completed by suitably qualified Council staff. Any mitigation measures will be subject to full consultation with both Council tenants and private owners within high rise blocks.

The total cost of work undertaken to inspect buildings for fire safety is £17,704.66

Where possible, I'd like this to be broken down into costs by type - for example, costs incurred due to sending cladding for testing, costs incurred through inspections and costs incurred through remedial works.

ACC does not hold a breakdown into costs by type. ACC does not record salary or costs against specific projects undertaken by employees, therefore it is not possible to provide a breakdown of these costs.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **a breakdown into costs by type** as it is not held by ACC. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 17 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that this information is not held by it.

If any additional costs have been paid due to relocation of residents (in hotel rooms or other temporary accommodation), please include and specify this as well.

There has been no relocation of residents as a result of safety checks in response to the Grenfell fire and therefore there are no such costs.

In the case of ongoing works please simply include the budget set aside for the project(s).

There are no ongoing works and therefore this question is not applicable.

Please include all costs even if the money is to be paid back by or has already been reimbursed from central government (for example, the DCLG).

Please refer to the response above.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Information Compliance Team

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

ACC handled your request for information in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under FOISA.

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