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Dear Ms Watt,

I refer to my letter of 26 June 2019, in which I highlighted fire safety tests of non-ACM cladding commissioned by the UK Government, a copy of which is attached for ease of reference.

Since my last letter, a test commissioned by the UK Government on High Pressure Laminate (HPL) cladding has been undertaken, the results of which can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fire-test-report-mhclg-bs-8414-hpl>. While the particular HPL cladding system tested passed the fire safety test, the expert advice is that it is likely that other configurations of HPL cladding systems may not.

The Scottish Government is now undertaking an exercise to establish the extent of the use of HPL cladding in buildings across Scotland. A report will be prepared for the Ministerial Working Group on Building and Fire Safety once the HPL Data Collection has been completed. **The scope of this exercise is strictly limited to buildings that have external HPL cladding installed.**

I would be grateful if you would issue the attached HPL Data Collection Questionnaire to each of the colleges and universities in Scotland along with a copy of this letter. We are looking for each questionnaire to be completed and returned by 22 February 2020. If a college or university anticipates that it will be unable to submit the HPL data by 22 February 2020 then e-mail notification to [BFSResponse@gov.scot](mailto:BFSResponse@gov.scot) is required by no later than 15 January 2020. Completion instructions and guidance, including the address for submission of the HPL Data, are enclosed in the questionnaire. For any queries about completing the questionnaire, please contact William Welsh on 0131 528 5712 or e-mail: [BFSResponse@gov.scot](mailto:BFSResponse@gov.scot).

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

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