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Dear Abena,

UPDATE ON THE METROPOLITAN POLICE SERVICE INVESTIGATION INTO THE GRENFELL TOWER TRAGEDY

As you may be aware, the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) has recently handed files to the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) recommending prosecutions as part of Operation Northleigh, the criminal investigation into the tragedy at Grenfell Tower.

Operation Northleigh is one of the largest and most complex criminal investigations led by the MPS, with around 220 officers and staff dedicated to the investigation. The MPS has publicly declared that it was investigating 57 individuals and 20 organisations. These organisations included the Ministry of Housing, Communities, and Local Government (MHCLG), which was under investigation for suspected breaches of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.

The government has cooperated fully with the MPS throughout their investigation. In order to protect the integrity of the police investigation, MHCLG has not previously discussed publicly the detail of the investigation, including its own status as a subject of it until now.

The MPS has today confirmed that a file relating to MHCLG has been referred to the CPS to conduct a full and independent review of the evidence to determine whether the evidential requirements in relation to a potential breach of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 are made out.

I recognise the significance and gravity of this development, and we will respond with the appropriate and necessary diligence and care.

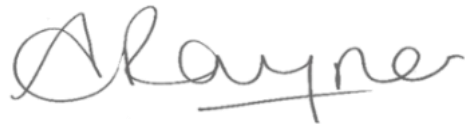
The CPS will lead on the next steps, and the government will continue to cooperate fully in the next stage of this process.

The Grenfell Tower Inquiry exposed profound failures in the building safety system. As Secretary of State, I recognise that confidence will only be rebuilt through sustained action and visible change. I will ensure that the lessons from the Inquiry and the MPS investigation drive real and lasting change in how government works to provide safe homes for people across the country to ensure a tragedy like Grenfell can never happen again.

I have written to members of the community informing them directly of government's status in the investigation, apologising on behalf of the State and reaffirming our commitment to ensuring a tragedy like Grenfell can never happen again.

I recognise the impact that this news may have on those who have been waiting for justice. My thoughts during this time are with bereaved families, survivors, and the immediate community. Thank you for your commitment to advocating for those you represent, the Grenfell community, and those who continue to be impacted by the legacy of the tragedy.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'A Rayner', with a stylized, cursive script.

RT HON ANGELA RAYNER MP

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