

Date: 23 February 2024 Our Ref: RFI4621 Tel: 0300 1234 500 Email: <u>infogov@homesengland.gov.uk</u>

By Email Only

Dear

RE: Request for Information – RFI4621

Thank you for your request for information which was processed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You requested the following information:

- 1. How many building owners have applied to access funding for the remediation of unsafe cladding in England via the cladding safety scheme (CSS) which launched in July 2023?
- 2. How much of the £5.1bn granted by the government to help fix these buildings has so far been handed out to building owners?
- 3. How many applications have been made in London?
- 4. How many of these London applications have so far been given to these building owners?

We asked for clarification regarding Question 4. We asked if you were seeking information about how many buildings in London, who have applied for funding, have received the funding. You have subsequently confirmed that this was indeed the information you were seeking.

<u>Response</u>

We can confirm that we do hold the requested information. We will answer your questions in turn below.

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- How many building owners have applied to access funding for the remediation of unsafe cladding in England via the cladding safety scheme (CSS) which launched in July 2023? We can confirm that, as of 31 January 2024, there are 645 buildings at various stages of the application process for the CSS.
- 2. How much of the £5.1bn granted by the government to help fix these buildings has so far been handed out to building owners? We can confirm that the £5.1bn is not all ear marked for the CSS and is part of the funding available in the wilding remediation landscape. The CSS also now menow out through out

available in the wider building remediation landscape. The CSS also pays money out throughout the whole project not in one up front lump sum. Therefore spend as of 31 January 2024 is in line with forecast at £14.4m.

- **3.** How many applications have been made in London? We can confirm that as of 31 January 2024 there are 264 applications in London.
- 4. How many of these London applications have so far been given to these building owners? We can confirm that 22 of the applications for London have progressed to the stage where they are entitled to receive a proportion of the total required grant to remediate the buildings.

Right to Appeal

If you are not happy with the information that has been provided or the way in which your request has been handled, you may request an internal review. You can request an internal review by writing to Homes England via the details below, quoting the reference number at the top of this letter.

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Your request for review must be made in writing, explain why you wish to appeal, and be received within 40 working days of the date of this response. Failure to meet this criteria may lead to your request being refused.

Upon receipt, your request for review will be passed to an independent party not involved in your original request. We aim to issue a response within 20 working days.

You may also complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) however, the Information Commissioner does usually expect the internal review procedure to be exhausted in the first instance.

The Information Commissioner's details can be found via the following link:

https://ico.org.uk/

Please note that the contents of your request and this response are also subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Homes England may be required to disclose your request and our response accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

The Information Governance Team For Homes England

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