

CLADDING — FIRE RISK

**529. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the minister representing the Minister for Commerce:**

I refer to reports that the safety of residents of nine Perth apartment buildings remain at risk due to the presence of dangerously flammable cladding material similar to that which contributed to the Grenfell Tower disaster in the United Kingdom.

- (1) Has any minister or acting minister been briefed on how the government might assist owners of these apartments to ensure their properties are safe from flammable cladding?
- (2) In circumstances in which companies that should carry the liability no longer exist, will the government step in to ensure the safety of residents?
- (3) Has the minister requested the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety and Building and Energy WA to consider further local testing of cladding products being imported into Western Australia, given current supply chain issues?
- (4) Is a review of housing indemnity insurance underway; and, if not, will DMIRS consider housing indemnity insurance in the context of apartments and strata complexes?

**Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:**

I answer on behalf of the minister representing. In light of the complexity of the question, the Minister for Commerce has not been able to provide an answer. I will see whether we can get an answer by tomorrow.