

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Question Without Notice**

**Wednesday, 15 June 2022**

**C615. Hon Colin de Grussa to the Minister representing the Minister for Commerce**

My question without notice of which some notice has been given is to the Leader of the House representing the Acting 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 UK, and I ask:

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 where companies who should carry the liability no longer exist, will the Government step in to ensure the safety of residents?
3. Has the Minister requested DMIRS and Building and Energy WA to consider further local testing for cladding products being imported into Western Australia given current supply chain issues?
4. Is there a review for Housing Indemnity Insurance (HII) underway and if not, will DMIRS consider HII in the context of apartments and strata complexes

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**Answer**

I thank the Honourable member for some notice of the question.

1. Yes, the Government has been briefed.
2. Unlike in other states and territories, the McGowan Government took decisive and early action to reduce the cost burden on building owners by taking responsibility for identifying and auditing buildings with combustible cladding. The responsibility for the remediation of the affected private buildings sits with owners of the apartments.
3. No.
4. Yes.

Handwritten signature and initials, likely of the Minister or Acting Minister, in black ink.