



<b>DATE:</b>	<b>28 March 2018</b>	<b>FOI REQUEST NO:</b>	<b>312_1718</b>
<p><b>Please provide a list of the “12 buildings, of six storeys or more that have failed to meet the limited combustibility requirements of building 110 regulations guidance for their cladding systems”</b></p> <p>Firstly – it must be noted that exterior cladding is not something that Fire &amp; Rescue Services are responsible for – it is the responsibility of the ‘Responsible Person’ of the specific premises and council through their Building Control department.</p> <p>We can however confirm that South Wales Fire and Rescue Service does hold information relating to a number of premises that have “failed to meet the limited combustibility requirements of building 110 regulations guidance for their cladding systems”.</p> <p>In relation to the details of those premises, your request for information has now been carefully considered; and we conclude that we are not obliged to supply the information you have requested.</p> <p>Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires South Wales Fire &amp; Rescue Service (SWFRS), when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you with a notice which states the exemptions that apply and an explanation as to how the decision to withhold has been made</p> <p>In this case, the exemptions that apply are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>S38 – Health and Safety</li><li>S43 – Commercial Interests</li></ul> <p>The buildings involved are mixed in use and ownership and SWFRS are working closely with all parties. The release of a simple list without further explanation would be misleading. Such a list would not take into account the overall safety of a building; work planned or indeed any work carried out since the quoted report was issued.</p> <p>In relation to residential premises affected – all residents have been appropriately informed and advice has been given. To disclose details of those premises into the wider public domain could cause significant distress to those individuals – and could lead to intrusion into the private lives of those individuals by those seeking more information.</p> <p>In relation to the public and commercial properties - information disclosed could be detrimental to the commercial interests of the individuals and organisations involved – which would be unwarranted given that all organisations are working with the relevant authorities to resolve this situation; and that the cladding itself may not present a significant risk due to other safety measures in place.</p>			

It has also been considered that the release into the public arena relating to any premises that may have a fire safety weakness represents a risk to the occupiers of those premises – as it can make that building a target to those with criminal intent.

In accordance with the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this particular request.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss the withheld information or any redactions found within your enclosed document(s). Please quote reference number 312\_1718 on all correspondence.