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I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act.

In the wake of the fire at Grenfell Tower, BBC News is collecting data about the number of fires recorded in which cladding contributed to a building fire.

In particular, where this cladding was made of Aluminium Composite Material (ACM) cladding or plastic-based insulation products PIR or PUR were a factor in the spread of the fire.

- 1) Please state the number of cases where the cladding of a building has played a contributory role to a building fire.

This may involve searching free text sections of your incident reporting system for information.

Please state what type of building was involved in the fire, whether it was commercial or residential and what the height of the building (as far as your recording system records) was.

Please provide information for each of the following financial years:

- i) 2012/13 - **0**
- ii) 2013/14 - **2**
- iii) 2014/15 - **3**
- iv) 2015/16 - **7**
- v) 2016/17 - **6**

South Wales Fire and Rescue Service are unable to specify if cladding played a contributory role to a building fire but a search of our incident logs have identified 18 fires where cladding was involved.

Incident reports do not record the height of a property but would record the number of floors above ground.

For the 18 fires identified above the split is as follows:

Dwellings	Number of Floors				
YEAR	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
2012/13	0	0	0	0	0
2013/14	0	0	2	0	2
2014/15	0	1	0	0	1
2015/16	0	2	1	0	3
2016/17	0	4	0	0	4
TOTAL	0	7	3	0	10

Other Residential **Number of Floors**

YEAR	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
2012/13	0	0	0	0	0
2013/14	0	0	0	0	0
2014/15	0	0	0	0	0
2015/16	0	0	0	1	1
2016/17	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	1	1

Non-residential **Number of Floors**

YEAR	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
2012/13	0	0	0	0	0
2013/14	0	0	0	0	0
2014/15	1	1	0	0	2
2015/16	1	2	0	0	3
2016/17	0	2	0	0	2
TOTAL	2	5	0	0	7

2) Please check if in any incident reports specifically refer to the following materials as contributing to the fire.

- a) Aluminium Composite Material (ACM)
- b) Plastic-based insulation products PIR or PUR

Again, please state what type of building was involved in the fire, whether it was commercial or residential and what the height of the building (as far as your recording system records) was in each case.

Incident reports do not specifically ask for materials contributing to fire but a search of incident logs uncovered one instance of plastic cladding involved in a dwelling fire in 2016/17.

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Plastic cladding was involved in a fire at a two storey dwelling in 2016/17