

John Healey responds to terms of reference for independent inquiry into building regulations following Grenfell Tower fire

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Healey MP, Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Housing, responding to the release of terms

of reference for the independent inquiry into building regulations following the Grenfell Tower fire, said:

"Ministers

have been off the pace at every stage in responding to the terrible Grenfell Tower fire.

"While

better late than never, it's now eleven weeks since Grenfell and over four years on from two Coroners' reports into previous high rise fires recommended an overhaul of building regulations. Ministers promised a review in May 2013 but have failed to act since.

"Rather

than waiting for the findings of this inquiry, Ministers should start acting on

these existing recommendations immediately and incorporate any proposals from Dame Judith Hackitt.

"More

broadly, Ministers must now use this inquiry to ensure that our system of fire

checks and regulations has the clarity, accountability and proper standards needed so that no-one feels unsafe in their home."