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To: All Members

Dear Brother/Sister

Grenfell Tower Inquiry update

The Grenfell Tower Inquiry has informed the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) and other core participants that its final report is unlikely to be published until 2024.

In its latest update, the inquiry said it “hopes to complete the drafting of the report before the end of 2023”.

When the draft is nearly completed, the inquiry has to write to those who may be subject to criticism, explaining the basis for it. This legal process under Rule 13 of inquiries law is known as Maxwellisation.

The inquiry said it “wants its recommendations to be as effective as possible, which means they must have a firm basis”. It added: “We have asked a number of the inquiry’s expert witnesses for their suggestions.”

Once the report is finished, it is sent to the prime minister and that “will probably not be possible before the beginning of next year”. The prime minister then decides when the report is published and by whom.

The inquiry had not previously given an estimated date for the publication of the report, although some had expected it in the autumn this year.

The FBU has made its own recommendations to the inquiry, along with numerous submissions. FBU head office and Thompsons Solicitors continue to monitor correspondence from the inquiry and to evaluate the evidence produced.

The inquiry has disclosed more than 300,000 documents so far.

No FBU members have alerted head office officials about any Rule 13 letters from the inquiry. I would ask any members who do receive such a letter to contact head office immediately, so that our legal team can provide the necessary advice and support.

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Yours in unity,

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