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I am writing to thank you for your recent letter to the Home Secretary and your report under regulation 28 of the Coroners (Investigations) Regulations 2013.

I have seen a copy of the Minister of State for Housing and Planning's response on behalf of the Home Secretary, and thought it only appropriate, as the Minister of State for Policing and the Fire Service and a former Housing Minister, to offer my own sincere condolences to the family and friends of Mr Billington. This must have been a particularly difficult and sad time for them.

I trust you, or the Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service, will take the opportunity to discuss with British Standards Institution any further concerns that you may have.

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