

20 October 2017

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Ms E Witting  
Assistant Coroner for the Black Country

c/o [REDACTED]

Our ref: LAK  
Your Ref:

Dear Ms Witting

**Re: Regulation 28 report following the inquest into the death of Ms Martin**

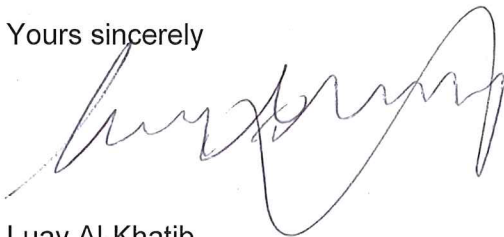
Your Regulation 28 report addressed to [REDACTED] has been passed to me. I am very sorry to hear of the death of Tahnée Lee Martin in these circumstances.

We are already in the process of reviewing the Guidance Note referred to in your report (*Building Surveys and Technical Due Diligence of Commercial Property, 4th edition*). The revision is due to be completed, following a public consultation, in February 2018. We will consider the recommendation you make as part of the review.

We are grateful to you for raising your concerns with us. In order to ensure that our response addresses the cause of your concerns, it would be helpful if we could obtain information about the surveys of the Blackrock building which were carried out between 2011 and 2015, in particular the scope of the services that the surveyors were instructed to provide. It would also help us if we could have details of the evidence from the building surveyor referred to in your report. Would it be possible to obtain a transcript of this evidence?

My department will be writing to you under separate cover about your concerns about individual surveys mentioned in your report. We are mindful of our role as the regulator of the profession and the need to conduct our own review to ensure that we are fulfilling that role.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luay Al-Khatib", written over a white background.

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