REQUEST   19283

RESPONSE

I am currently undertaking research into the annual costs incurred by councils, and therefore taxpayers, for statutory fire safety compliance checks across social housing stock. In particular, I am interested in the costs associated with Regulation 10 fire door checks and emergency lighting inspections.

Please could you confirm the following:

1. **Regulation 10 Fire Door Checks**
   o The total annual cost to the council for providing Regulation 10 fire door inspection/check services across all social housing stock.

   £335,000.00 annual cost under a 3-year contract.

   o If the total annual cost is not available, please provide the cost per door per year.

2. **Emergency Lighting Checks (Flick Tests)**
   o The total annual cost to the council for carrying out regular emergency lighting flick tests in accordance with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 across all social housing stock.
   o If the total annual cost is not available, please provide the cost per block, per building, or per unit per year (whichever is most appropriate).

   We auto test our emergency lighting through a wireless mess portal for our high-rise blocks. This is currently under a previous procured 5-year parts and labour warranty which expires in 2029.

   The cost of the low-rise blocks is incorporated in the building periodic testing cycle and annual inspection and difficult to quantify. However, an estimate of £125,000.00 per annum is based on apportioned cost.