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Good Morning

Please find below City of Newcastle response to Question on Notice from the recent Public Accountability Committee Regulation hearing.

**Questions on Notice:**

1. Question:How many buildings on the NSW Cladding Register are Crown Buildings?  
Answer: Six.
2. Question: How many of those buildings (Crown Buildings) are in the high risk category, as identified by Fire and Rescue NSW?  
Answer: One.
3. Question: How many buildings on the NSW Cladding Register are residential?  
Answer: Twenty Six.
4. Question: How many of those residential buildings are in the high risk category, as identified by Fire and Rescue NSW?  
Answer: Eight.

City of Newcastle has employed a dedicated Fire Safety Officer to ensure an evidence based response to the NSW Government's Combustible Cladding Program. To date, we have carried out high level review and desktop audits of the list of properties identified late last year by Fire and Rescue NSW, as well as developed our pre/post inspections process, risk ratings, inspection reports, templates for notices and orders etc. Inspections of the properties is expected to commence in April. All of this work is a necessary step prior to contacting any building owners to ensure our communication is evidence based and that we do not unnecessarily alarm owners and residents.

5. Question: Were concerns raised about the Bellevue Apartments (738 Hunter Street Newcastle West) when the NSW Building Commissioner, David Chandler, met with Senior Executives of the City of Newcastle when they met on 04 December 2019?  
Answer:David Clarke, Director Governance and Michelle Bisson, Manager RPA met with the Building Commissioner at CN offices on 4 December 2019. At the meeting the commissioner gave a broad overview of his work as Commissioner. In discussions the Commissioner mentioned he was intending to visit the Bellevue Apartments but did not provide details about any concerns he had in relation to the building and did not raise any requests for any actions involving City of Newcastle.

Regarding corrections to the transcript, the inclusion of the word “*Claims*”, that should have been “*Cladding*”, in Gordon’s testimony near the middle of page 3.

Kind Regards  
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