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Re: Correspondence - Amendment to Evidence provided by the Building Commissioner in Budget Estimates hearing on 7 March 2025

Dear Secretariat

I am writing to clarify evidence I provided to the *Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Industry and Trade, Innovation, Science and Technology, Building, Corrections (Chanthivong)* hearing on 7 March 2025.

Specifically, I refer to the final paragraph on page 20 of the transcript and the question from Ms Cate Faehrmann, MLC on page 21. I was asked by the Hon. Anoulack Chanthivong, MP to respond to Ms Faehrmann's question about fire activated retaining devices. Ms Faehrmann asked "Does the Government know in which buildings these fire doors (*sic*) have been installed? Has a paper trail been established so that, if there does need to be remediation, something can be done?" I responded to this question by saying "Yes".

Since then, I have received advice that while Building Commission NSW could access data on where fire activated retaining devices have been installed in NSW, there is currently no single searchable, consolidated record of installation across NSW.

Building Commission NSW is working closely with Fire and Rescue NSW and the Australian Building Codes Board to ensure an appropriate regulatory response to address any risks for fire fighters or building occupants from the installation of fire activated retaining devices.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

**James Sherrard  
NSW Building Commissioner**