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The Government Response to Rita Donaghy's Report

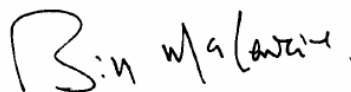
One Death is too Many – Inquiry into the Underlying Causes of Construction Fatal Accidents

I am pleased to enclose a copy of the Government response to Rita Donaghy's report into the underlying causes of fatal accidents which was published today, 30th March 2010.

In early 2009 Rita Donaghy chaired the independent inquiry into the underlying causes of construction fatal accidents, the report of which was published on 9th July 2009. This report contained 28 far-reaching recommendations for improving health and safety in the construction industry, extending across building control, public procurement, the legal system, training and competence. I am grateful to Rita and her team for their hard work.

During the inquiry Rita met with a large number of construction stakeholders and DWP officials have similarly met with a large number of representatives to gather views from across the industry in formulating the Government response. I would like to thank you all for your time and contribution to this important process. The Government has now published its response which builds on the issues within Rita's report to provide a framework for delivery of improvements in these areas.

A copy of this response and Rita's report may be found on the DWP website at www.dwp.gov.uk/publications/policy-publications/fatal-accidents-inquiry.shtml



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