

Clarifications of the Written Closing Address of Counsel for the Committee

Pursuant to the Committee’s directions made on 17 and 22 July 2026, several parties submitted requests for clarifications or corrections to Chapters 2 to 5 of the Written Closing Address of Counsel for the Committee dated 13 July 2026 (“**Written Closing**”). Having considered those requests, Counsel for the Committee wish to make the following clarifications and corrections to the Written Closing.

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51, Table 2-1 – Description of Wong Chung Kee Steve	“Wong Chung Kee Steve 黃忠基... albeit employed by the Housing Department as a contract Building Maintenance Surveyor in Ngau Chi Wan”	• According to the Government and Wong Chung Kee Steve, Wong Chung Kee Steve was <u>not an employee</u> of the Housing Department. He was employed by a professional services provider and seconded to the Housing Department’s Kowloon East regional office to work on the building maintenance works of public rental estates. • According to Wong Chung Kee Steve, Cheung Yuk To (張玉濤) also served as an authorised signatory of PC&E alongside himself.
51, Table 2-1 – Description of Lam Sai Man	“Lam Sai Man 林世文... Assistant Property Manager (副物業主管) since Aug 2025”	• According to ISS, Mr Lam Sai Man’s position at ISS was <u>Assistant Building Supervisor</u>, and he held this role from August 2025 until he left ISS in June 2026.
51, Table 2-1 – Description of Lam Man Yan	“Lam Man Yan 林文欣... ISS Engineering Officer (工程主任) (save for Apr 2025 to Aug 2025)”	• Mr Lam Man Yan left ISS on 1 April 2025 and rejoined ISS <u>on 8 October 2025</u>, and not August 2025 as stated in Table 2-1.
52, Table 2-2 – Description of Chi Wuh Jian Joseph Duncan	“Chi Wuh Jian Joseph Duncan 戚務堅 (“Joseph Chi”)... Registered Structural Engineer engaged by Allied Architects to supervise and provide structural calculations for the staircase window replacement minor works in all eight blocks”	• According to Joseph Chi, he was engaged by Allied Architects pursuant to a verbal agreement to act as a structural consultant for the staircase window replacement minor works, and to inspect the completed window replacement minor works, so as to ensure the completed windows are structurally safe, in all eight blocks.

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		Joseph Chi claimed that the structural calculations were provided by others.
56.2, Footnote 17 – Description of ICU	“The ICU... is delegated authority by the Building Authority for maintaining regulatory control in respect of Housing Authority buildings.”	The ICU maintains regulatory control in respect of <u>buildings that were developed by the Housing Authority but sold to individual owners or divested</u>.
406.1, Footnote 631 – Dr Lee’s supplementary statements	“Dr Lee Wing Man has produced supplementary statements at [C14/2801-2802]; [C16/2812-2814], as well as a statement on the testing methodology of plastic sheeting at [C19/2826-2835].”	In total, there were 16 statements made by Dr Lee Wing Man. Footnote 631 only referred to a selection of material statements made by her.
476 – Firefighting operations	“At 14:51:17, the FSCC dispatched seven fire appliances to the scene of the fire, comprising one Hydraulic Platform, three Major Pumps, two Light Rescue Units and one 37-metre Turntable Ladder from Tai Po, Sha Tin and Ma On Shan Fire Stations, the incident being logged as a “ <i>fire involving scaffolding on external wall with explosion occurred</i> ”.”	According to the Government, the appliances dispatched by the FSCC were from Tai Po, <u>Tai Po East</u>, Sha Tin and Ma On Shan Fire Stations.
486 – No 3 Alarm	“At around 15:20, [SStnO Hui] instructed the crew of the newly arrived 37-metre Turntable Ladder from Tai Po East Fire Station to apply a water monitor to Wang Shing House (Block G), which was by then alight.”	The water monitor was applied to <u>Wang Cheong House (Block F) and Wang Tai House (Block E)</u>. The water jet covered Wang Shing House (Block G) <u>later</u>, which was by then alight.
504 – No 4 Alarm	“From around 16:30, the FSD deployed drones with livestreaming and thermal imaging capabilities to provide coverage of the fire.”	- According to the FSD’s records, the drones were planned to be deployed from <u>around 16:15</u>, instead of 16:30. - The first drone footage was taken at 16:34:15.

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511 – No 5 Alarm	“DD(Ops) Chan explained that the upgrade was not required for the purpose of deploying further resources. By that time, a total of 116 fire appliances and 37 ambulances with 718 crew members had been dispatched to the scene.”	According to the Government, there were <u>55 ambulances</u> instead of 37 by the time of the upgrade to a No 5 alarm.
516 – No 5 Alarm	“Following the upgrade to a No 5 alarm fire, firefighters succeeded in conducting several snatch rescues of individual occupants at higher floors despite the conditions at lower floors remaining severe. For example, firefighters succeeded in rescuing Mr Cheung Chi Lim George, his wife Madam Liu Chunyu and their neighbour Madam Yip Kam Fong from Flat 1006 of Wang Tai House (Block E) at around 20:00, and rescued Madam Sin Sin Hing from Flat 1406 at Wang Tai House at around 21:00.”	According to the Government, the rescue time of Mr Cheung Chi Lim George, his wife Madam Liu Chunyu and their neighbour Madam Yip Kam Fong from Flat 1006 of Wang Tai House (Block E) should be <u>19:30</u> instead of 20:00.
525 – 28 November 2025	“At the time, 143 fire appliances and 635 crew members remained on site to complete damping down efforts and to attend to outstanding assistance requests.”	At the time, <u>113 fire appliances and 30 ambulances</u> with 635 crew members remained on site to complete damping down efforts and to attend to outstanding assistance requests.
529 – Deployment of Police officers for evacuation	“... However, the operation was halted and the officers were ordered to withdraw at around 16:50 in view of safety concerns.”	According to the Government, at <u>16:40</u>, all Police officers were withdrawn from Wang Yan House (Block A). Evacuation in Wang Yan House (Block A) and Wang Chi House (Block H) also halted at <u>16:40</u>.
546 – Handling of assistance requests	“In total, after deduplication, the FSD received 373 unique assistance requests relating to 347 units.”	Since the locations of some assistance requests were made in staircases or common corridors, reference to <u>“units” should be changed to “locations”</u>.

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551 – Handling of assistance requests	“All in all, the FSD rescued 62 people alive and recovered 106 fatalities from the scene. The FSD also recovered 60 pets and 62 pet bodies”	FSD rescued <u>63 people alive</u> instead of 62.
618 – Firefighter identification of blocks	“...instances of confusion between blocks by firefighters were not isolated and certainly not limited to Fn Ho. Approximately one minute after Fn Ho entered Wang Tai House (at around 15:18), another firefighter was captured by CCTV footage entering Wang Tai House... at a time when the only assistance requests which had been received concerned Wang Cheong House”	- Since the Evidential Hearings, the Government submitted a Police witness statement from PFn Chan Chun Man, identifying him as the firefighter who entered Wang Tai House at 15:18. According to PFn Chan, he entered the lobby of Wang Tai House in order to assist evacuation from within Wang Tai House after being unable to gain access to Wang Cheong House. - This evidence suggests that the firefighter who entered Wang Tai House after Fn Ho did not do so because of confusion, however the general observations regarding the difficulty of identification of building blocks and also the risks of separation (Written Closing paras 614-617, 618-620) would still remain.
648, Footnote 943 – Delay in transferring call from Police to FSD	“For example, FSA-066 related to a 999 call which was received by the FSD at 15:53 on 26 November 2025 but was only logged by the FSD at 16:23...”	According to the Government, the Police answered the call FSA-066 at 15:38:33 on 26 November 2025 and transferred the call to the FSD at 15:38:58. The FSD picked up the phone conference at 15:43:03 and the call ended at 15:48:23. However, the caller was unable to identify herself and her exact address/location during the call. Before the end of the phone conference, the FSD informed the Police that they would call back and attempt to get in touch with the unidentified caller.
656.3 – Call-back mechanism	“Of the 373 assistance requests received by the FSD, call-backs were only conducted for approximately half (188) of them. For the remainder, the FSD had no contact details, whether of the informant or of any persons who might have been trapped inside.”	Call-backs were conducted for <u>191 assistance requests</u>, not 188.