## <u>Statement to Parliament: Grenfell</u> <u>Tower fire 6 months on</u>

Today marks 6 months since the Grenfell Tower tragedy and my thoughts very much remain with those affected.

A national memorial service will take place at St Paul's Cathedral today to mark 6 months since the Grenfell Tower tragedy which the Prime Minister, ministerial colleagues and I will attend. This will provide the opportunity for us to remember those who tragically lost their lives, comfort the bereaved, and for all of us to reflect on how, together, we move forward.

I am determined those who lost their lives, their families and friends, the survivors and the community will not be forgotten and are supported in getting the help they need and deserve.

On 11 December I wrote to all colleagues with an update on some of the work being undertaken to support those affected and I plan, with Mr Speaker's permission to make an Oral Statement to the House before recess.

Above all, I am determined that the lessons of the Grenfell fire are learnt and never forgotten so that a tragedy like this can never, ever happen again.