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FIRE RESISTANCE LEVELS

The matter of responsibility for checking fire resistance levels for building elements in cases where design standards used by structural engineers include requirements to design for fire resistance levels (eg Concrete Structures Code) has been raised with the Branch.

It is the building certifiers' responsibility to ensure elements in a building achieve the minimum required fire resistance levels, however in doing so, the Building Certifier may choose to rely on a certificate from a registered engineer. If relying on structural engineers certification as a means of confirming fire resistance levels care should be taken to ensure that the certifying engineer is made aware of such reliance, that there is sufficient information given to the certifying engineer in terms of fire resistance levels required for particular elements and there is clear understanding as to what the engineers certificate covers.

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