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MPs will begin a highly significant inquiry next week into the role of cleaning and hygiene, and the associated challenges, during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for the Cleaning and Hygiene Industry will commence the much-needed review, entitled 'Embedding Effective Hygiene for a Resilient UK', on September 6 with the aim of producing a report with policy recommendations which will feed into the national UK Covid-19 Inquiry.

The inquiry will examine what was successful and what was not from the national approach to cleaning and hygiene during the pandemic to ensure lessons can be learnt. These will be taken forward to increase disease resilience to current common infections and help inform the UK's response to any similar future public health emergency.

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Bidvest Noonan has announced its appointment of Jeff Flanagan as Chief Executive Officer for its business in Great Britain. Flanagan, a highly accomplished business leader, has more than 25 years of senior executive experience in the facilities services industry.

Flanagan succeeds Charlotte Marshall, who has decided to step down as CEO to pursue other interests.

During her time at Bidvest Noonan, Marshall oversaw the successful integration of Cordant Services and the Axis group, restructured the business, and built a highly experienced leadership team.

[Q3 Services](#) has announced the appointment of Mark Hazelwood as Managing Director of Q3's new Integrated Facilities Management (IFM) business.

Since its inception four years ago, Q3 has taken a radically different approach to the provision of IFM services. Recognising that each client's needs are unique, the company has created a bespoke services model for each new client, built from the ground up and tailored to meet their specific requirements. Mark has been instrumental in translating this original IFM vision and strategy into reality, working with existing clients to successfully prove the model's viability and value.

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[The Building Engineering Services Association \(BESA\)](#) says it is surprised that changes to pollution laws announced by the government ignore the importance of indoor air quality (IAQ) and do not reflect the latest advice from the World Health Organisation (WHO).

The Association welcomed new measures from the Department for Food, the Environment and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) aimed at helping local authorities create clean air zones under the terms of the new Environment Act, but said it was "puzzled" by the failure to include IAQ.

"BESA, along with other industry bodies and many health professionals, has been urging the government to use its new powers under the Act to mandate higher standards of IAQ - so this is another missed opportunity," said Nathan Wood, chair of BESA's Health & Well-being in Buildings group.

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