



The Scottish Parliament  
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## Economy and Fair Work Committee

Andrew Miller  
Chair  
Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow)

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Dear Mr Miller

Following the Committee's visit to the yard in September and the constructive discussions with staff and employee representatives, it was extremely disappointing to hear that Ferguson Marine has not been successful in winning the contract for the seven smaller ferries. I am however pleased to note the appointment this week of your new CEO, Graeme Thomson and the experience and track record he will bring.

The prospect of this contract was, I understand, central to FMPG's business planning. I am aware that when you appeared before the Public Audit Committee last month, you indicated a strategic plan is in the process of being signed off, following which the business plan will be prepared. A timeframe of "a few months" was mentioned.

The Economy and Fair Work Committee's interest continues to be in the future of the yard and its workforce. On that basis, the Committee would be pleased to know when you expect the strategy document and business plan to be made publicly available.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

**Colin Smyth MSP**  
Convener