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Dear Mr Hebblethwaite

P&O Ferries Ltd

The Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee is extremely concerned about yesterday's news that around 800 of P&O's staff have been sacked, reportedly with immediate effect, and that services, including the Cairnryan-Larne line have been suspended, ruining passengers' travel plans.

I am writing to request an urgent update so that the Committee may reflect on its immediate scrutiny in relation to this matter.

In particular, the Committee would welcome:

- Clarification as to the full impact of yesterday's announcement on P&O's staff as of 16 March 2022;
- Further information specifically on the impact on staff based in Scotland;
- Further information as to what effect yesterday's announcement has on the Cairnryan-Larne route in the immediate and longer term;
- What communication you have had with the Scottish Government about the 17 March announcement, whether before or after the announcement;
- Any other information that you consider may assist the Committee in its understanding of this matter, in terms of our remit to consider transport matters in Scotland.

The Committee has agreed to consider this matter further at its meeting next Tuesday morning (22 March). I would be grateful if any reply could be provided by no later than 10am next Tuesday.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dean Lockhart". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'D' and a long, sweeping tail.

Dean Lockhart MSP
Convener
Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee