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**Net Zero, Energy and Transport
Committee**

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Dear Ms Green,

SEPA Survey Vessel

I am writing with regard to a matter brought to the Committee's attention regarding the activities of the Sir John Murray, SEPA's survey vessel.

The Committee is interested to learn more about this vessel and specifically:

- Current use of the vessel by SEPA and usage data since December 2019
- Reasons for underuse of the vessel if applicable;
- Whether persons other than SEPA are currently using the vessel, or have recently done so and, if so, detail of arrangements for shared use;
- Plans for future use of the vessel by SEPA;
- Plans for staffing to manage and operate the vessel;
- Any other relevant information about use of the vessel that it would be helpful to share with us, and to put in the public domain.

The Committee would welcome a response by 26 April 2022.

Yours sincerely,

Dean Lockhart MSP
Convener
Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee