



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

**Net Zero, Energy and Transport
Committee**

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10 January 2024

Dear Kevin,

Ferry Building Programme

Thank you for your letter of 28 December 2023 providing the Committee with a quarterly update on the progress of construction of the New Vessels for Islay & Little Minch.

While it is good to note construction of the vessels is progressing on budget and to the original timescales, the Committee seeks more information on the systems employed by both CMAL and the shipyard to monitor, manage and mitigate risks to the budget and delivery dates. The Committee is particularly interested in how CMAL and the shipyard manage potential design changes, given the experience of hulls 801 and 802.

As you will be aware, the Committee also receives quarterly updates on progress of constructions of Hulls 801 (Glen Sannox) and 802 (Glen Rosa). Last year these updates highlighted further costs and delays to the construction of the vessels caused by issues with obtaining Maritime and Coastguard Authority (MCA) certification for non-compliant escape routes.

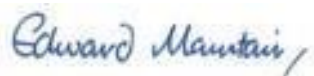
The Committee seeks details of—

- **CMAL's assessment of the risk the non-compliant stairways posed to the budget and timescales for completing construction throughout the project, as well as—**
 - **How and when this was discussed with FMPG (please provide a list of specific dates and advice provided)**
 - **How and when this was discussed with the Scottish**

Government (please provide a list of specific dates and advice provided).

I request a response by 12 February and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edward Mountain".

Edward Mountain MSP

Convener

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