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Dear Edward and Richard,

The interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Ferguson Marine Port Glasgow (FMPG), John Petticrew, has provided the NZET Committee with a progress update on the delivery of Glen Sannox.

In his update, Mr. Petticrew announced a further delay in the handover of MV Glen Sannox until 30 September 2024. This is again, deeply concerning. During my recent visit to the yard, I was clear that any further delay would have a significant impact on our island communities and I am extremely frustrated and disappointed at this turn of events.

I do, of course, agree that Health and safety is a priority and take comfort in the assurances I have received that all necessary steps are being taken to protect the workforce.

The Interim CEO also states that this further delay may have an impact on costs and confirms that Parliament will be updated as soon as this position is clear. I will, of course, remind him once again of the importance of keeping costs under control.

I know that you share both my frustration at the delay and my determination to ensure that FMPG completes the handover as quickly as possible; and hopefully sooner than 30 September.

Yours sincerely,

**KATE FORBES**

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