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Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee  
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Dear Edward,

Thank you for your letter of 16 November 2023, on behalf of the Scottish Parliament's Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, seeking further clarification on matters in relation to Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow) Ltd.'s Hull 801.

I am aware of Mr Tydeman's most recent correspondence to your Committee, letter dated 21 November 2023, where he reconsidered some of the statements previously made in relation to the application of Chapter 13 of the International Code for Fire Safety Systems in relation to the provision of Means of Escape from crew areas on a passenger vessel.

Mr Tydeman has acknowledged that the vessel was constructed prior to completion of the ongoing plan approval process and has withdrawn the accusations of an internal disconnect within the Maritime and Coastguard Agency.

The impact of the recent structural changes required on board to ensure statutory compliance are regrettable, but are the consequence of the decision taken at a very early stage in the project to proceed with build prior to completion of the plan approval process.

My team in the Glasgow Marine Office will continue to support and work closely with Ferguson Marine Port Glasgow as they work towards completion of the project.

Yours sincerely,

**Virginia McVea**  
**Chief Executive**



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