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Dear Edward,

MV Glen Rosa – Quarterly Update, December 2025

The Chief Executive Officer of Ferguson Marine wrote to you on 18 December to advise the Committee that the delivery schedule of MV Glen Rosa had been extended to the fourth quarter of 2026.

I am disappointed to learn of this revised timeline and recognise the concern this news will generate, particularly for the island communities who are waiting for this vessel to enter service. I have made clear to the Chief Executive that it is vital the yard remains focused on completing the vessel and delivering the benefits that MV Glen Rosa is intended to provide.

I note the detailed explanation set out by Ferguson Marine regarding the technical issues identified during drydocking and the consequent sequencing impacts on commissioning and trials. I also recognise that the final stages of building and testing a complex vessel can be technically demanding and subject to risks that only become fully apparent at this stage. That context is important as the programme moves into its final phase.

The Chief Executive has advised that an assessment of the financial implications of the updated delivery schedule is under way. I will await further detail on any changes to the forecast costs once this work has been completed, and officials will consider carefully any implications that arise.

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Scottish Government officials will continue to work closely with Ferguson Marine and with our technical advisers to maintain appropriate oversight of progress, risk and assurance. I will keep the Committee informed of any further material updates.

Yours sincerely,

KATE FORBES

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