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Dear Mr Hobbs,

New Vessels for the Clyde and Hebrides: Arrangements to deliver vessels 801 and 802

As you will be aware, a key conclusion of the Public Audit Committee's report on [New Vessels for the Clyde and Hebrides: Arrangements to Deliver Vessels 801 and 802](#), published in March 2023 was that Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited (CMAL) continues "to pursue a thorough investigation of the allegations put forward by the BBC" Disclosure Programme in relation to potential fraud and rigging of the Hull 801 and 802 contracts.

The Committee therefore welcomes the recent publication in full of the Procurement of Vessels 801 and 802 Allegations of Fraud report to CMAL, produced by Barry Smith KC. We considered this report at our meeting on 26 October 2023 and agreed to seek a full formal response from CMAL to the conclusions in the report. We have today also written in similar terms to Transport Scotland and the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy.

The Committee would welcome CMAL's formal response by **27 November 2023**.

Yours sincerely

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**Richard Leonard MSP,
Convener**