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

Dear Stephen,

Thank you for your correspondence of 25 January 2024, setting out in detail the reasons why you have decided not to undertake any further audit work on the procurement of Glen Sannox (vessel 801) and Glen Rosa (vessel 802). The Committee notes that this follows your review of the King's Counsel report: Procurement of vessels 801 & 802 Allegations of Fraud and other relevant supporting material.

As you know, following the allegations made about the procurement procedure for vessels 801 and 802 in the BBC Disclosure investigation in September 2022, one of the key findings of the Committee's report, "[New vessels for the Clyde and Hebrides: Arrangements to deliver vessels 801 and 802](#)" was to encourage you to undertake a comprehensive audit of the entire procurement procedure for the vessels at the earliest opportunity.

The Committee is disappointed at your decision at this time, given the outstanding issues that remain regarding the way in which the early stages of the procurement process were handled. In welcoming your commitment to report further, once the

vessels are complete, we ask that you give further consideration to carrying out an in-depth analysis of the entire procurement process as part of this work.

Yours sincerely,

**Richard Leonard MSP,
Convener**