



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Morag McNeill
Chair
Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited

By email only

**Net Zero, Energy and Transport
Committee**

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1 March 2023

Dear Morag,

INQUIRY INTO A MODERN AND SUSTAINABLE FERRY SERVICE FOR SCOTLAND

I am writing to thank you and your colleagues from Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited for attending yesterday's meeting of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee to give evidence as part of the Committee's inquiry into a Modern and Sustainable Ferry Service for Scotland.

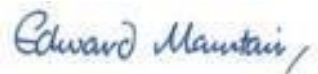
During the meeting, you'd offered to provide additional evidence in writing to the Committee on the procurement process that has taken place for the four new vessels being built for routes in the Outer Hebrides and to Islay at the Cemre Marin Endustri A.S shipyard in Turkey. The Committee seeks detail of—

- A detailed explanation of the tender process;
- The criteria used to select the winning bid, including the weight attached to each criteria;
- The process for developing, confirming and signing off the design of the ferries, including engagement with relevant parties such as local communities and operational staff, and how their contributions impacted the final design;
- Overall cost agreed at the outset for each ship and an overview of the staged payment process, including how many payments are due to be made, the amount of each payment, the criteria that must be met before a payment is released, who is responsible for checking the work completed before a payment is made and the process for resolving any dispute between CMAL and the shipyard about the release of a staged payments;
- Dates for delivery; and
- Penalties for late delivery.

In order to provide the Committee with confidence improvements have been made as you emphasised to us, it would be helpful if you could also provide details of how the above processes differed from the process of tendering for hulls 801 and 802.

On behalf of the Committee, I request a response by 29 March 2023 and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edward Mountain".

Edward Mountain MSP
Convener
Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee