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Dear Edward and Richard,

You will be aware that the interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Ferguson Marine Port Glasgow (FMPG), John Petticrew, has now provided the NZET Committee with a progress update on the delivery of Glen Sannox and Glen Rosa.

In that update Mr Petticrew states that the handover of Glen Sannox has been delayed until 31 July 2024. He also states that the delivery date for Glen Rosa remains unchanged at September 2025, and that the cost forecast for both vessels remains the same at a total of £299.1m.

Whilst his letter confirms a delay that had been signaled previously by his predecessor to the Board, it is of course, deeply disappointing and unacceptable news, particularly for our island communities. Mr Petticrew does however consider this to be the final position and I will continue to stress to him, and to the Board of FMPG, the importance of ensuring that both ferries enter service as soon as possible.

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