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Dear Mr Irwin,

The 2021/22 audit of Ferguson Marine Port Glasgow (Holdings) Limited

The Public Audit Committee took evidence from the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS) on the 2021/22 audit of Ferguson Marine Port Glasgow (Holdings) Limited (FMPG) at its meeting on [27 April 2023](#).

During the evidence session, the AGS restated a conclusion made in his report regarding the importance of concluding an independent review, commissioned by the Scottish Government to assess funding and future options for FMPG quickly “to provide more certainty to FMPG and its staff”.

The Committee sought further information from the AGS about the independent review. This included seeking to establish whether the review is the same work that has been conducted by First Marine International (FMI), referred to in a recent national newspaper report. The newspaper report highlighted that FMPG commissioned FMI to undertake separate consultancy work and that FMI’s work was subject to a non-disclosure agreement.

During the meeting, the AGS stated that the Scottish Government would be best placed to confirm the interaction between the different reviews. He went on to stress that the outcome of any Scottish Government review into the future of the yard should be transparent and publicly available.

To inform the Committee's forthcoming evidence session with the Scottish Government and FMPG on 1 June 2023, the Committee would be grateful if you could confirm—

- **The cost of FMI's consultancy work commissioned by the Scottish Government, and how this work relates to the independent review referred to in the AGS's report to assess funding and future options for FMPG**
- **When the outcome of the independent review will be available, and whether it will be publicly available.**

To ensure this information is available to inform the evidence session, the Committee would be grateful for a response by **Tuesday 23 May 2023**.

Yours sincerely,

**Richard Leonard MSP,
Convener**