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Dear Edward and Richard,

You will be aware that the former CEO of Ferguson Marine Port Glasgow (FMPG) indicated before his dismissal that there would likely be delay to the handover of Glen Sannox, and the Chair formally informed Scottish Government of this expected delay on Monday 25 March. This is clearly not acceptable.

The Board wrote to you on 28<sup>th</sup> March confirming that they are unable to provide a firm update. They have now considered the programme information and concluded that they expect to provide a fuller update to the committee on handover dates for the vessels, in w/c 15<sup>th</sup> April.

In the meantime, I am stressing to the new interim CEO and the board the importance of the ferries entering service to our island communities as soon as possible and my very clear expectations around the future governance of these programmes.

I hope you find this helpful.

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