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Dear Mr Hobbs,

## **INQUIRY INTO THE CONSTRUCTION AND PROCUREMENT OF FERRY VESSELS IN SCOTLAND**

Thank you for your letter of 14 February in relation to the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee's inquiry into the construction and procurement of ferry vessels in Scotland. It has been circulated to Committee members and they have now had an opportunity to discuss its contents.

Your letter set out CMAL's response to oral evidence provided to the Committee regarding the announcement of the contract award for the construction of the two dual-fuel ferries.

In the third paragraph of your letter, you refer to "pre-contract documentation", detailing a price offer by Ferguson Marine Engineering Ltd for the construction of the vessels which was submitted on 28 August 2015. The Committee has asked me to request that this documentation be submitted to assist in its inquiry. I should be grateful if you would arrange for this material to be provided **by close on Wednesday 26 February**.

I would also take this opportunity to confirm that the Committee's oral evidence session with CMAL has been rescheduled and will now take place on Wednesday 11

March. I hope you and other colleagues will be able to attend on that date and apologise for any inconvenience this change in arrangements may have caused.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Farrell', written in a cursive style.

Steve Farrell  
Clerk to the Committee