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3.7 Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade of the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development regarding Condor Ferries bookings (OQ.188/2024):

Will the Minister advise what assurances he has sought or received from Condor Ferries that existing bookings will be honoured or fully refunded in the eventuality that Condor are not awarded the Channel Islands passenger and freight operator contract and as a result, cease to operate?

Deputy K.F. Morel of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity (The Minister for Sustainable Economic Development):

I thank the Deputy for his question. As the Assembly knows, we are in a procurement process at present. However, should Condor's contractual relationship end next year, I fully expect the company and the stakeholders to have made adequate provision for continuity of services through to expiry of the operating agreement on 27th March 2025. I continue to seek adequate assurance on this point from the Board of Condor and wrote to them recently on precisely this point. I do sincerely hope that Condor and its shareholders, Brittany Ferries and Columbia Threadneedle European Sustainable Infrastructure Fund, will provide this assurance to me.

3.7.1 Deputy M. Tadier:

Could the Minister clarify when he wrote to them and how long he has been waiting for a response?

Deputy K.F. Morel:

I wrote to them on 23rd September.