



Deputy Kirsten Morel  
Minister for Sustainable Economic Development

**BY EMAIL**

31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

Dear Minister,

**Ferry Service**

Firstly, thank you for your recent attendance upon the Panel for a private briefing regarding the ferry service, the discussion was helpful. As you will agree, the Panel identifies that this is a vital area of scrutiny work and we will continue to examine the topic concurrently. We look forward to inclusion of public questions in our quarterly hearing of the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

Prior to this, the Panel would request that the agreed contract for ferry service provision and any relevant documentation be forwarded, understanding that this may be done so in confidence. To aid in public awareness, it would be beneficial if further information could also be provided by response letter:

1. The progress in establishing Jersey – Guernsey ferries and how timetables will be scheduled?
2. How the DFDS northern and southern route timetables have been agreed and set?
3. How fares have been set and how these can be altered?
4. How greater public communication of the obligations of the contract will be achieved?
5. Are there any points you are able to make at this stage on oversight of ferry services moving forward to aid in public confidence and how this differs from the requirements of the previous operating agreement?
6. What consideration have you given as to the economic impact of a move to a flat rate freight charge, since the Panel's Supply Chain Resilience Review?

We would be grateful if you could respond no later than Friday 7th February 2025 in line with the 5 working days approved for responses between Scrutiny Panels and Ministers.

If you have any questions regarding this or our work in general, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please note that unless otherwise stated, all letters will be uploaded to the Scrutiny website as a matter of course.

Yours sincerely,

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**Chair**  
**Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel**