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Ardrossan Task Force Members

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Dear Members

Ardrossan Harbour Redevelopment Business Case Update

I am writing to advise you that today in Parliament, I announced that I have instructed Transport Scotland and Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited (CMAL) to progress discussions around potential purchase of Ardrossan Harbour by the Scottish Government.

As you will be aware, work on the Ardrossan Harbour business case commenced in August 2023. I acknowledge the significant effort and input from all the project partners in developing that business case – it is clear that all parties have used their best endeavours to agree a way forward with the business case. However, those detailed discussions have highlighted the complexities in pursuing the original approach and it is now evident that we need to fully consider and explore the purchase option to try to unlock investment. I have been assured that the current owners of Ardrossan harbour will continue to invest in the harbour to ensure it remains operational.

This is of course, subject to a fair settlement being negotiated and due diligence being completed, but I hope that it makes clear to all Taskforce members, that I and the Scottish Government remain absolutely committed to finding a robust and sustainable solution at Ardrossan Harbour. I can also confirm that funding for potential purchase of Ardrossan Harbour forms part of the 2025/26 Scottish Government budget.

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I would of course be happy to meet with the Taskforce to discuss the next steps more fully and will keep you updated of progress.

Yours sincerely,



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