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Our ref:
AFL CV25/2017/18

Date:
30 October 2017

Dear [REDACTED]

Argyll Ferries Ltd (AFL): MV Ali Cat Refit 31 October 2017 – 14 November 2017

Transport Scotland were informed of the "Scheduled Unavailability" period of the MV Ali Cat on 26 October 2017. I am writing to you to confirm a variation to the Public Service Contract to allow the MV Ali Cat to go to refit for 2 weeks, commencing 31 October 2017. Under the terms of the Public Service Contract between Scottish Ministers and AFL there is provision for "**Scheduled Unavailability**" which means, in respect of the MV Argyll Flyer a period of two weeks in each Service Year in the month of June and in respect of the MV Ali Cat a period of two weeks in each Service Year in the month of November.

I understand that AFL has informed the general public of the temporary arrangement through their website as well as publishing hard copies of the temporary timetable for the period of 2 weeks beginning 31 October 2017 until 14 November 2017. This is over and above displaying information on board the vessels and in the waiting rooms.

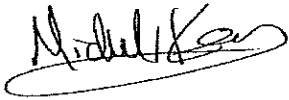
I note that during the refit period the MV Argyll Flyer will provide an hourly service in both directions as per clause 3.2.3 of the Public Service Contract.

Ministers have been advised that should the service provided by the MV Argyll Flyer be disrupted during the MV Ali Cat's refit period then the existing AFL replacement bus service will transfer affected AFL passengers on both sides of the Clyde to their intended destination of Gourock or Dunoon.

I am content to approve the variation to the contract effective from 31 October 2017 until 14 November 2017 to allow the MV Ali Cat to go into refit. Please inform Transport Scotland if there are any changes to these dates.

I am copying this letter to [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



Michael Kean
Transport Scotland
Ferries Unit

