

Item 8 - Question TimeResponse to Mr A Henderson

Mr Henderson will recall my response to his previous question in relation to the Mallaig to Lochboisdale Ferry Service on 31 May 2012, in which I confirmed that the Council will continue to promote the case for the introduction of a Mallaig to Lochboisdale ferry service with the Scottish Government.

I now take this opportunity welcome the recent announcement by the Transport Minister Keith Brown to introduce a three year winter pilot service which will operate between Mallaig and Lochboisdale.

I can also confirm that the Council will continue to be supportive of the Mallaig to Lochboisdale ferry service and will work with the Scottish Government, CalMac Ferries, and other key partners, to promote this service through marketing initiatives, and will work with other transport providers to promote the integration of timetables with bus and rail.