

ANNEX A

FOI Response – 202300354882

Appendix A - MV Alfred - MV Pentalina delay in release from dry dock

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Subject: MV Alfred - MV Pentalina delay in release from dry dock

Good Evening

You may wish to make the Minister aware:

The MV Pentalina remains in dry dock in Belfast. Pentland Ferries (PF) have confirmed that MV Pentalina was due to have her passenger certificate (PC) issued today by MCA following completion of overhaul. However, MCA have not provided this due to some small outstanding items. This means she cannot depart Belfast to cover Pentland services, meaning MV Alfred has to be retained until such times as the PC is available. We had been expecting the MV Alfred to join the CalMac fleet from 18 April.

In terms of timelines the PC is expected to be issued early next week and MCA have advised they will attend the vessel as required (over the weekend if PF can address the identified issues). While this represents a delay they don't believe it will be significant. As it stands, we have not scheduled MV Alfred in to provide any services so there's no impact on service plans or customer bookings.

PF are planning to issue a press release and will share with CalMac as the charterer for review, however, they advised the only reference to CalMac will be is "that it unfortunately delays the charter of Alfred". We will share the press notice when it is shared to CalMac by Pentland.

CalMac will draft a reactive line for press to be used once the press release is issued, along the lines of; *"Pentland Ferries have made us aware of a short delay in the return to service of MV Pentalina, which will unfortunately delay the commencement of our charter of MV Alfred. We continue to look forward to welcoming MV Alfred to the fleet when she is available. We will keep all customers informed as this progresses"*.

We will also work with our TS media colleagues to have lines prepared.

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Ferries Unit

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Appendix B - MV Pentalina Update

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Subject: Re: MV Pentalina Update

Hi Redacted and all,

Just to update the charterparty wasn't signed today. Redacted is going to check in with them and confirm when is realistic for feedback being available and to sign the charterparty.

We'll revert as soon as possible.

Thanks
Redacted

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Subject: RE: MV Pentalina Update

Thanks Redacted more information would be helpful, particularly on question 1.

Is there any update on the outstanding queries on the charterparty and possible signing?

Regards, Redacted

Redacted

TS – Ferries Directorate

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Subject: RE: MV Pentalina Update

Hi Redacted

Here is the first update from PF, I've pushed for more info.

1. What the issue is and why it came to light at such a late stage? **Not all works could be completed in the time allocated in Greenock and the dock could not permit an extension** (due to CalMac vessels being in booked in Garvel dock).
2. What needs to happen over the next 4 weeks, is it just spare part delivery and fitting? **Spare part delivery and fitting and LR approval once complete.**
3. How much confidence do they have in the charter starting on the 6th March? And this alternative scenario of the vessel be ready prior to then? **We are sourcing spares and dry dock availability, we will keep CalMac informed of progress and timelines.**

But wanted to share this update soonest.

Many thanks,

Redacted
Interim Head of Planning

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Subject: RE: MV Pentalina Update

Hi Redacted

We've asked PF to confirm all these points in writing and will revert asap.

Many thanks,

Redacted
Interim Head of Planning

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Subject: RE: MV Pentalina Update

Hi **Redacted**, any further update from Pentland Ferries on the outstanding queries?

Could you also get some more information from them on:

- What the issue is and why it came to light at such a late stage?
- What needs to happen over the next 4 weeks, is it just spare part delivery and fitting?
- How much confidence do they have in the charter starting on the 6th March? And this alternative scenario of the vessel be ready prior to then?

We've flagged to **Redacted** that public comms should be put on hold until we collectively have more clarity on the timeline.

Thanks, **Redacted**

Redacted

TS – Ferries Directorate

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Subject: RE: MV Pentalina Update

Thanks **Redacted**,

We'd welcome a further update later today on the resolution of the outstanding queries so we can definitive on next steps.

Thanks, **Redacted**

Redacted

TS – Ferries Directorate

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Subject: RE: MV Pentalina Update

Afternoon All,

We received an update from PF this morning regarding MV Pentalina. They advised that the vessel will not be ready for service and asked to delay the commencement of the charter by four weeks with start date of Monday 6th March. They have advised that if the vessel is ready prior to this date they would look to bring the start date forward.

It's understood that the delay is related to emerging issues in dry dock, with Lloyds/MCA seeking additional works which have lead times due to spares not being available. This highlights the benefits of a time charter approach as it is PF's responsibility to resolve any such issues before and during chart. PF advised delaying the charter now will prevent another planned docking later this year.

We are still planning on signing the charter tomorrow, on the proviso all outstanding queries resolved today. This would then allow a comms to be issued confirming the charter and ending the ongoing speculation. However, the comms needs to be redrafted to reflect that there are no initial deployment plans as the intention of the vessel is to provide additional resilience, rather than direct deployment. Should the vessel have been introduced into service this week then we would have immediately seen resilience benefits due to Cale Isles being out of service and could have communicated that. As the charter is not due to commence for four weeks, the network and services will be in a different position so we can't forecast what resilience benefits this will bring at that time.

An update on the milestones is included below:

Activity	Date	Action By	Status
TS funding approval for charter	03/02/2023 – by 1700 at latest	Redacted	Complete
Comms approved by TS	03/02/2023 - by 1700 at latest	Redacted	Ongoing
Finalise charterparty	06/02/2023 - by 1700 at latest	Redacted	Ongoing
Comms approved by PF	06/02/2023 - by 1700 at latest	Redacted	Not started

CalMac and PF sign Charterparty	07/02/2023 – at 1000	Redacted	Not started
Comms issued	07/02/2023 - at 1200	Redacted	Not started
Insurance in place	06/03/2023 - at 0001	Redacted	Scheduled to commence
On hire survey	06/03/2023 – commence 0900	Redacted	Not started
Charter Commences	06/03/2023 - at TBC		
Service commences	07/03/2023		

Let me know if you have any questions.

Many thanks,

Redacted
Interim Head of Planning

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Subject: RE: MV Pentalina Update

Hi All,

Just to update you on timescales, PF have advised that MCA discussions will not conclude until Monday afternoon. As such the signing of the charter is moved to 7th, with charter commencing on 8th and service commencing on 9th.

Deployment plan is:

- Focus for vessel is resilience during winter with potential to deliver turn up and go services
- Immediate deployment plan:
 - Provide resilience for Arran service with MVs Cale Isles and Hebridean Isles both currently out of service.
 - MV Pentalina deployed as 2nd vessel on Arran service, operating Troon – Brodick, providing freight service.
 - If MV Heb Isles available for service, she will be deployed to Lochboisdale service, which means we don't need combined Barra/Lochboisdale service, allowing normal TT to resume on both routes, with increased capacity available.

Updated timeline:

Activity	Date	Action By	Status
TS funding approval for charter	03/02/2023 – by 1700 at latest	Redacted	Completed
Comms approved by TS	06/02/2023 - by 1200 at latest	Redacted	Ongoing
Finalise charterparty	06/02/2023 - by 1700 at latest	Redacted	Ongoing
Comms approved by PF	06/02/2023 - by 1700 at latest	Redacted	Not started
CalMac and PF sign Charterparty	07/02/2023 – at 1000	Redacted	Not started
Comms issued	07/02/2023 - at 1200	Redacted	Not started
On hire survey	08/02/2023 – commence 0900	Redacted	Not started
Insurance in place	08/02/2023 – cover commences from midnight	Redacted	Scheduled to commence
Charter Commences	08/02/2023 - at TBC		
Service commences	09/02/2023		

Further to discussions with myself and Redacted, copy of comms plan attached. Updated to reflect most up to date timelines. Can you please review and provide feedback asap?

Many thanks,

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Interim Head of Planning

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Subject: RE: MV Pentalina Update

Morning All,

I've just updated Redacted on the latest but for the wider groups knowledge. Contract signing pushed out to Monday due to ongoing discussions with MCA regarding dangerous good exemptions which could impact the charter rate if not provided. This means we don't need decision on funding by 1000, however if this could be provided by close of business today that would allow us to progress with revised plan to sign contract on Monday.

Updated milestones below for info:

Activity	Date	Action By	Status
Provide briefing of CP to Robbie	01/02/2023	Redacted	Complete
Finalise charterparty	06/02/2023	Redacted	Ongoing
TS funding approval for charter	03/02/2023 – by 1700 at latest	Redacted	Ongoing
Comms approved by TS	03/02/2023 - by 1700 at latest	Redacted	Ongoing
Comms approved by PF	06/02/2023 - by 1000 at latest	Redacted	Not started
CalMac and PF sign Charterparty	06/02/2023 – by 1400 at latest	Redacted	Not started
Comms issued	06/02/2023 - by 1430 at latest	Redacted	Not started
Charter Commences	07/02/2023		
On hire survey	07/02/2023		
Service commences	08/02/2023		

Please let me know if any queries.

Many thanks,

Redacted
Interim Head of Planning

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Subject: RE: MV Pentalina Update

Thanks Redacted

Yeah, that is an option but less preferable to announce on the day the charter commences.

We have call with PF at 0830 to discuss the status of MCA and certification and should be in a better position to know if we'll be contract today, in which case we would need funding approval. I'll update you as soon thereafter.

Many thanks,

Redacted
Interim Head of Planning

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Subject: RE: MV Pentalina Update

Morning [Redacted]

We are still actively pursuing a decision and will let you know as soon as possible.

If the decision comes this morning but after 10 is there option to move the signing to this afternoon? Possibly pushing comms release to Monday?

Will give you a further update shortly.

Thanks, [Redacted]

[Redacted]

TS – Ferries Directorate

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Subject: RE: MV Pentalina Update

Importance: High

Hi [Redacted]

Is there an update on decision from TS, regarding availability of funding for the charter in this financial year?

Many thanks,

[Redacted]

Interim Head of Planning

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Subject: RE: MV Pentalina Update

Thanks Redacted

Just for others' awareness, the other key milestone we touched on earlier is about the MCA awarding a passenger certificate.

The vessel is currently in routine drydock at Greenock. Works are due to be completed by Friday and at some point on Friday the MCA will (or not) award the vessel a passenger certificate. If not any delay is likely to be just day by day until rectified. It doesn't stop the charter being signed as it contains clause that CFL don't pay until it has the certificate. It could impact on whether the vessel can enter service on Monday and may need to be reflected in any comms.

Thanks Redacted

Redacted

TS – Ferries Directorate

Appendix C - Note regarding MV Pentalina

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Subject: RE: Note regarding MV Pentalina

Thanks Redacted We note (and share) the FM's views around that erroneous speculation. Neither Ministers or officials had any involvement or influence over the MCA approval process – nor would it have been appropriate for that to be the case.

In terms of the temporary safety certificate, this did indeed relate to the Pilot Ladder but also to a delay in the replacement of the Fast Rescue Craft where delivery had been delayed in delivery. In that instance the MCA was prepared to let them use the existing craft for a 4

week period. Calmac had looked to help find a replacement but their own FRC stock was not suitable. We await an update from PF on the delivery.

We will make sure the FMQ is updated early tomorrow to reflect the weekend's events.

Redacted

Redacted
Head Of Ferries Branch
Redacted

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Subject: RE: Note regarding MV Pentalina

Hi Redacted

FM is grateful for Mr Stewart's update.

FM has commented that There was some unhelpful and inaccurate speculation that the MCA was pressured into issuing a passenger certificate for the Pentalina to allow MV Alfred to be released, FM's understanding is that the restricted passenger certificate was related to an issue involving the lack of ladder access. Redacted

FM will await any further updates, grateful if you can keep us looped in.

Many thanks,
Redacted

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Subject: Note regarding MV Pentalina

PS/FM
PS/DFM
PS/Cabinet Secretary

Please find attached a note from Mr Stewart on the incident involving MV Pentalina.

Kind regards

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Appendix D - MV Alfred Charter Discussions

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Subject: RE: MV Alfred Charter Discussions

Afternoon All,

Latest position, embarkation ladders have just arrived on the vessel and MCA will be notified. FRC confirmation awaited however, MCA surveyor content in principle.

All plans continue for vessel charter commencing on Wednesday, meaning earliest vessel available for service Sunday 30 April 2023.

We'll continue to monitor and provide updates.

Many thanks,

Redacted
Head of Planning and Projects

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Subject: RE: MV Alfred Charter Discussions

Morning All,

Update from Pentland Ferries that MV Pentalina sea trials went well yesterday and the issue is now addressed. They believe that commencement of charter of MV Alfred on Wednesday is feasible and we are planning on that basis.

In terms of MCA sign off on FRC and embarkation ladders:

- FRC – PF expect confirmation from MCA tomorrow
- Embarkation ladders – once vessels are on the vessel on Tuesday MCA will be notified for formal approval

However, PF don't foresee issues with either item at present.
We'll continue to monitor and provide updates as this progresses.

Many thanks,

Redacted
Head of Planning and Projects

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Subject: RE: MV Alfred Charter Discussions

Hi All,

Latest update from Pentland Ferries:

- Embarkation ladders for MV Pentalina are due to arrive in Orkney on Tuesday
- Pentland Ferries are in discussion with MCA Aberdeen regarding FRC replacement – I've asked PF if timeline for this would mean no requirement for CalMac to return vessel to PF, await reply.
- Redacted
- If MCA are content on FRC point and Pentalina trials are successful, PF are suggesting charter commences Wednesday 26 April 2023.

Positive update, will keep you posted as this progresses.

Many thanks,

Redacted
Head of Planning and Projects

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Subject: RE: MV Alfred Charter Discussions

We're waiting on explicit confirmation on the point, however the ladders we sourced met their specification so we expect so, we will keep you informed as soon as it's confirmed.

Many thanks,

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Head of Planning and Projects

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Thanks very much for the update and Calmac's pragmatic approach around this. Disappointing about Pentalina and hopefully only a minor issue to be resolved.

Is the ladder issue sorted now though?

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Thanks **Redacted** That's more positive than expected and I guess its now about delivery and suitability.

Look forward to today's update.

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Evening all,

Just to update you on the support we're providing Pentland to help progress the charter of MV Alfred.

Embarkation Ladders – following urgent enquiries with our suppliers we have identified that a UK based supplier has 2 off, 5 meter, SOLAS compliant, embarkation ladders in stock and we have forwarded the contact details for this supplier to Pentland Ferries for direct purchase. Pentland have advised they have already made contact and are considering suitability.

Fast Rescue Craft (FRC) – we do not currently have a suitable FRC available for immediate distribution. The request for a replacement FRC is more complex than simply matching the dimensions and capacity of the existing craft, however. The Davit and Release Gear (fitted to the structure of the vessel) which are used to launch and recover the FRC, are specifically matched to the craft and are subject to Statutory maintenance and load testing compliance requirements. FRC servicing requires regulated and certified service engineers and we do not do this work in house, so we are also unable to assist with servicing of the current fitted FRC on the Pentalina.

We're expecting an update from Pentland tomorrow on progress, so will keep you posted.

Many thanks,

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Hello,

Update that I shared earlier today.

I've just had a call with Pentland Ferries, MV Pentalina has departed Belfast and is expected to arrive in Orkney tomorrow at 11am.

They have advised that there are two issues with the vessel which will impact the release of MV Alfred to support CHFS services. These issues are:

- Requirement to carry an embarkation ladder (not something that MCA have ever required for the vessel before). PF are trying to source a ladder, with expected lead time of 12 working days (earliest 5 May 2023).
- FRC - their FRC is due a service in one month. The replacement FRC they had arranged is now not available, They are looking for an alternative but have struggled to locate one thus far.

I've asked PF to send through specifications of the embarkation ladder and FRC/davit arrangement to see if we can provide any support, either through our own spares or our supply chain. Discussed with **Redacted** and he's ready to get the team to support this.

From a comms perspective, PF are drafting an update and will share with us for review.

In terms of what this means for service and the availability of the vessel to support the Little Minch services this weekend, it's unlikely to be an option. The embarkation ladder would require to be on the vessel by Friday, to receive MCA approval before the vessel could depart to conduct a trial for us at Lochmaddy and Ullapool and pick up service on the Monday as planned, As such this now means the recommended options for the Little Minch service is option 2, MV Hebridean Isles, which puts more pressure on her returning to service and being available on Monday.

As mentioned we are reviewing how we could support provision of embarkation ladder and FRC. However, as always, nothing is as easy as it seems, for the embarkation ladder:

Embarkation ladders are subject to very strict constructions requirements which are defined by the IMO under SOLAS and enforced by the MCA as part of the Statutory equipment, so whilst these just look like rope ladders there are only certain manufacturers that can produce these ladders and they are generally made to order.

We'll continue to progress investigations on this and will update as soon as we know more.

Many thanks,

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