

The interests of my island constituents and business always come first.

I spoke to the Ferries Minister this afternoon and envisage no difficulties with the RMT prior to deployment of the Pentalina.

Baroness Clark - whose partner is, I understand, General Secretary of TSSA - is the MSP who has raised the matter of the Trades Unions. On 26 May she asked:

“...how we make sure that islanders on Arran and the trade unions that represent the CalMac workforce are involved in decision making?”

The Minister replied:

“As I think I have already indicated, I am willing to work constructively with any MSP who is likewise willing to engage constructively.”

Kind regards,

Kenneth