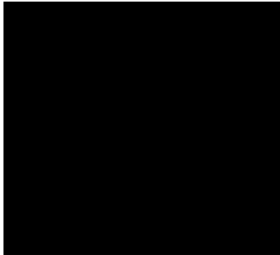



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By email to: 

25 August, 2021

Dear 

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 (FOISA)

Thank you for your request dated 11th August 2022 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request

You asked the following:

1. Did Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow) Ltd enter, or participate in CMAL's NEW Islay Ferry Tender as published on Public contracts Scotland under reference CMAL0244?
2. If so please advise if /how Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow) Ltd met this criteria:-

Minimum level(s) of standards required: Bidders must include a commitment from a 1st Class international Bank that they will be able to obtain a refund guarantee for the full value of all pre-delivery instalments

3. re :All proposed bids for work must be approved by the Board before being submitted: In such case any participation in this tender would have required Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow) Board approval. In this regard please advise when the appropriate Board Minutes will be published.



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4. Your w/site states: The Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow) Ltd Board of Directors convene for a board meeting 6 times per annum.' I note in 2020 only 3 sets of board minutes have been published , ergo either 3 Board minutes have not been posted or only 3 Board meeting took place
5. Please clarify, also please advise when the most recent board meeting took place.

Response to your request

Please find our response to your request for information:

1. Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow) Limited (FMPG) participated in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ). This project has not yet reached the stage where bids have been submitted.
2. In the PQQ, the FMPG response to this issue was as follows:

As a consequence of our status as an NDPB ('Non Departmental Public Body'), we would expect to issue a guarantee from a first-class bank such as Royal Bank of Scotland, which would be underpinned by our ultimate parent company, Scottish Government. The company has provided Guarantees in the past in support of contracts when required. The ultimate parent company has a debt rating of Aa2, and the Royal bank of Scotland has a credit rating of A.

I can confirm that, as sole shareholder of Ferguson Marine, the Scottish Government has agreed in principle to act as Builders Guarantor, subject to due diligence, including consideration by the Scottish Parliament Finance and Constitution Committee.

3. The project has not yet reached the stage where bids have been required. FMPG has therefore not yet submitted a bid.
4. The Board of FMPG was established in June 2020. Board meetings took place, in line with the policy, in July September and November 2020.
5. The most recent FMPG board meeting took place on 22nd July 2021.

Your right to request a review

If you are unhappy with this response to your FOI request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by writing to:


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Your review request will be forwarded to the appropriate reviewer. You should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and your request should be made within 40 working days from the date when you received this letter. We will complete the review and tell you the result, within 20 working days from the date when we receive your review request.

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. More detailed information on your rights is available on the Commissioner's website at: www.itspublicknowledge.info.

Yours sincerely,



 FOI Officer