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To: Scrutiny Communications <Scrutiny@gov.je>

Subject: Inter island vehicle carrying ferries.

Good Morning Scrutiny

I would like scrutiny to discuss the lack of vehicle carrying inter island ferries as a large number of islanders cannot believe that we have a worse ferry service now than we used to with Condor ferries. Jersey and Guernsey residents & their relevant clubs who take part in all sorts of sports are really suffering due to the lack of inter-island ferries carrying vehicles. We cannot believe that this was not included in the tender process with DFDS. Over all the dog disciplines, showing, agility, obedience, hoopers there are potentially 30 shows per year that both Jersey & Guernsey dog people will not be able to attend.

I have also been talking with other sports who are horrified at how difficult it is to get to Guernsey & for Guernsey competitors to get to Jersey. There are inter-island horse shows- no Guernsey Horses at the Liberation Day Horse Show or Jersey Horse of the Year show and no Jersey horses at the Guernsey Horse of the Year show, car shows, car rallies, hill climbs, scooter rallies, Siam cup fans, sports teams, youth sport teams to name but a few. Then you have people who travel to each island for work potentially with a vehicle for tools etc, local businesses that have an interest/branch in each island, Gone Paddling & Steven Cohu to name just a couple. There are many people with branches of their family in each Island who want to travel with their car as they need to get around & may have a pet that needs to accompany them.

The situation islanders find themselves in will impact on club finances with regard to show entries, the local hospitality industry as well as the local economy. When I travel to Guernsey for a show, usually five times a year, it is 2 nights in a hotel plus food all lost to the Guernsey economy & the same for Guernsey people competing or working in Jersey.

A once a week (mid-week) service by Brittany Ferries is completely useless. We need a service at least 3 times per week, say Monday, Wednesday & Friday. DFDS started their Monday service & then cancelled a good few, probably sighting not viable but then if this had been in the contract/tender from the beginning then more people would have got used to the fact they were putting on a weekly boat. The whole inter-island ferry subject is a total shambles if you need to take your vehicle with equipment in.

The Kennel Club of Jersey are holding the Channel Island Dog of the Year on February 14th. Dog people have to qualify each year to be invited to take part in breed showing, agility & obedience. It is a prestigious event & is the Channel Island

equivalent to Crufts. This lack of ferries is going to cause a major headache for Guernsey competitors getting to Jersey as qualifiers often have multiple dogs. Small charter boats are not ideal for multiple dogs or larger dogs & in February the weather would have to be factored in. The ongoing situation is most disappointing for sports people & is starting to affect the revenue of local clubs.

Kind Regards

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