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1. **Please supply details (including dates) of all payments, grants and loans made by the Scottish Government to Ferguson Marine Engineering since it was acquired by Clyde Blowers.**

The Scottish Government and all public bodies report their expenditure, including commercial transactions, in their published annual accounts and in other expenditure publications.

The Scottish Government has provided commercial loan facilities to Ferguson Marine Engineering Limited (FMEL). In September 2017, a commercial loan facility of up to £15 million was provided by the Scottish Government to FMEL and in June 2018 a subsequent loan facility of up to £30 million was agreed.

The first facility was fully drawn in the financial year 2017-18 and the expenditure has been reported in the Scottish Government's Consolidated Accounts for 2017-18 which were published on 27 September 2018 (https://beta.gov.scot/publications/scottish-consolidated-fund-accounts-year-ended-31-march-2018/).

Expenditure against the 2018 loan facility will be reported in the Scottish Government's 2018-19 Accounts.

The Consolidated Accounts of the Scottish Government for the years before 2017-18 are available from the Scottish Government's website (www.gov.scot).

2. **In respect of grants and loans [made by the Scottish Government to Ferguson Marine Engineering] please include repayment terms/conditions.**

The loan facilities provided by the Scottish Government to FMEL are on fully commercial terms and were made available following detailed due diligence undertaken by Scottish Government officials and on the advice of expert external commercial and legal advisers.

Under section 25(1) of FOISA, we do not have to give you information which is already reasonably accessible to you. A copy of the June 2018 loan agreement has been published in response to a previous FOI case (FOI/18/02035 Review) and can be accessed at https://beta.gov.scot/publications/foi-18-02035-review/.

A copy of the September 2017 loan agreement is included with this response. Some information has been redacted in the release as it is commercially confidential and exempt under section 33(1)(b) – substantial prejudice to commercial interests. The information has commercial value and its disclosure could substantially prejudice the commercial interests of Ferguson Marine.

3. **In respect of stage payments [made by the Scottish Government to Ferguson Marine Engineering] for procurement vessels from Caledonian MacBrayne please detail the relevant vessel.**

In October 2006 Caledonian MacBrayne Ltd was split into two companies: an asset-owning company, Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL), and an operating company, CalMac Ferries Ltd. CMAL is the organisation that procures and owns the ferries operated by CalMac Ferries.

CMAL is wholly owned by Scottish Ministers and the Scottish Government, through Transport Scotland, is providing loan support to CMAL for the two “dual-fuel” (LNG/marine diesel) ferries that are currently under construction by FMEL. The Scottish Government does not make payments to Ferguson Marine Engineering for vessels procured by CMAL.

The stage payments between CMAL and FMEL are commercially confidential and exempt under section 33(1)(b) – substantial prejudice to commercial interests. The information has commercial value and its disclosure could substantially prejudice the commercial interests of both CMAL and FMEL.

4. **Please detail any future payments [from the Scottish Government] already committed to Ferguson Marine Engineering.**

The commercial loan facility for FMEL approved by Scottish Ministers in June 2018 provides for borrowing of up to a maximum of £30 million.

As recorded at question 3, the stage payments between CMAL and FMEL are commercially confidential and exempt under section 33(1)(b) – substantial prejudice to commercial interests. The information has commercial value and its disclosure could substantially prejudice the commercial interests of both CMAL and FMEL.