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**Subject:** ITV reporting of ferry-related matters

Good morning Chief Minister and Minister,

May I start with a personal and professional apology for being the focal point of this media story and for the inevitable challenge this will now bring to resourcing the final stages of procurement.

As discussed with Kirsten last night, I wish to recuse myself from any further involvement in the live procurement so as to protect the integrity of any eventual decision by government and also my own professional reputation. As we have not yet reached the stage of tabling a formal recommendation for Ministers to consider I do not consider there to be any fundamental harm to the process and, in any event, I have not fulfilled any of the bid evaluator roles and any final decision is for Ministers rather than officials.

I asked the CEO (copied) to [REDACTED] my voluntary position and so would recommend the SRO baton is passed to Matt Thomas, CEO Ports of Jersey, who has been heavily involved throughout the process and very familiar with the issues at play. If this is not possible, I would recommend Tom Holvey, our Chief Economic Advisor.

[@Lyndon Farnham](#) I am also conscious that you have QWON today and would respectfully invite you to consider the following lines as needed:

- I have been assured this was an inadvertent mistake by the GoJ official and I am aware that this was corrected when first raised with him by a member of the media.
- The official has consistently pursued islanders best interests in dealing with a range of particularly challenging matters on our sea connectivity in the past 12 months.
- To protect the integrity of any eventual decision, the official has voluntarily recused himself from any further involvement in the procurement process and a new SRO will be appointed.

Many thanks,

Richard

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