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Thank you for your email regarding the announced changes to the coastal ferry service, Ms. Malcolmson. I appreciate hearing from you.

There were a number of factors that BC Ferries and the Government needed to consider, from the cost of running the ferries to the actual use of the services. When reviewing the books and taking note of the statistics, it became clear that costs were escalating and services were frequently under-utilized. Some tough decisions had to be made. I know the recent announcements have been hard on the people and communities most directly affected and we've done our best to mitigate the impact.

I note that you've also copied your remarks to Minister Todd Stone. I've asked that Minister Stone ensure you are sent a detailed response, specific to your comments, on my behalf at the earliest opportunity.

Again, thank you for writing.