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**Subject:** RE: Message from Andrew George MP

I'm afraid I'm unable to provide any specific update on this project at this time. As you may know all major schemes are being reviewed and the Isles of Scilly scheme will be part of that review. We should have a clearer picture in a few weeks and will provide a full update at that time.

I'm sorry I can't provide anything more detailed.

Regards,

[REDACTED]  
**Private Secretary to Norman Baker MP**  
**Parliamentary Under Secretary of State**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 May 2010 15:07  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Message from Andrew George MP

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**Isles of Scilly Ferry Link**

Since talking to you I briefly spoke to Norman (Baker) to emphasise the point about the Ferry-Link Project.

In essence this project is close to having all of the requested statutory permissions in place to complete it's first approval submission. As I explained, it is necessarily a multi-faceted and complex to organise project involving harbour infrastructure work at both St Mary's, Isles of Scilly and Penzance as well as seeking approval for the construction of a new ferry and letting the contract for the service operator – a recent decision announcing the preferred operator was made just a few weeks ago.

The project received initial approval about 6 years ago and we are 98% of the way there now. I do hope that this vital £62 million project will continue to enjoy DfT match funding. Without it the whole thing would be sunk.

[REDACTED] has been the desk officer dealing with this as part of the Regional Transport Funding which is the source of the DfT contribution.

I look forward to hearing from you on this.

With good wishes.

Yours,

Andrew

P.S. In passing Norman (Baker) mentioned the prospect of the Isles of Scilly losing funding we previously secured under the concessionary transport fund for eligible passengers travelling by "water-buses" (there are no scheduled road bus routes on Scilly!) between the islands. That would be very regrettable and would leave Scillonians at a major disadvantage in contrast to their mainland counterparts. I would be very happy to explain more if you wished.