

**MP's covering email to CIOs - 6 Jan 2011**

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**Subject:** From Andrew George MP

Dear Marian,

Your latest communication does not aid the case for the securing of the funding necessary for the ferry link. It merely rakes back over a substantial catalogue of contentious issues in a highly selective manner.

It is not clear whether this was a freelance initiative, but to forward this correspondence to the Minister is, I'm afraid, seriously ill advised.

Whilst your letter may (along with previous less than temperate contributions with which you are associated) contribute to an unhelpful impression, I want to reassure those who are focused on the delivery of a successful project that I will do my utmost to reassure the Minister and to retrieve the situation.

Your letter contains what are at best debating points and at worst a serious rewriting of the record. As much of it is hardly relevant to the issues currently under consideration I have dealt with this and relegated it to an attached appendix.

Final decisions are due to be taken on a number of publicly funded projects like the Isles of Scilly ferry link in very difficult circumstances and an environment in which all expenditure is being closely scrutinised. I will, of course, argue for the best possible outcome for the constituency whilst seeking to support the Minister and the Government through this difficult process. I am also talking to the Department about its budgets for mainland bus services, the future of the MCA rescue centres, emergency tugs, the Search and Rescue helicopter service and other issues. It is important to put personal sensitivities aside. I remain focused on seeking the best outcome for the ferry link and for my constituents in Penzance and the Isles of Scilly.

With good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew

Andrew George MP

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