

Tolson challenges First Minister about Rosyth Ferry Service

Jim Tolson MSP for Dunfermline West challenged the First Minister in Question Time about what the Scottish Government will be doing to attract new operators to take over the Rosyth to Zeebrugge ferry service.

Jim said “The loss of this very popular service is devastating to the whole area. Whilst it is very regrettable that Superfast is ending the current service in September, the best course is to move forward and find a new operator who can run and improve the service from Scotland to Europe as soon as possible. “

The First Minister informed the MSPs that his government had met with Superfast Ferries earlier this year. They are currently in discussion with other ferry operators with the aim of reinstating the service but are unable to give any detailed information about their progress.

Jim said “Superfast Ferries’ decision is a devastating blow to my constituency, but the impact will be felt across Scotland. This link is vital to Scotland and must be reinstated as soon as possible.

I have written to Forth Ports asking that help will be given to all employees losing their jobs due to closure of the Superfast ferry service and urging them to redeploy these staff within their organisation.”