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PLAIN SAILING FOR MEP

SNP MEP Ian Hudghton is always keen to try out different routes to and from his home in Scotland to work in the European Parliament. On Monday he was a passenger on the first Eastern Airways flight from Dundee to Manchester on the first leg of his weekly journey to Brussels. But this evening he's chosen to sail home on the Zeebrugge/Rosyth ferry.

Boarding at 6.00 pm today, he will arrive at Rosyth 10.30 am tomorrow morning. Mr Hudghton, who has meetings scheduled in Edinburgh throughout tomorrow says he's really looking forward to the North Sea crossing and its easy connections to the Scottish capital.

"As someone who has backed the concept of a direct ferry link to Europe for many years, I am delighted to be catching tonight's ferry home. I have meetings early afternoon in Edinburgh and, rather than facing the drive to and from the capital, I will be able to arrive fresh from my overnight crossing.

"I guess it's rather like Westminster MP's boarding the overnight sleeper train home to Scotland rather than taking the shuttle flight home – only this time, letting the ferry take the strain!

"Since this ferry service between Scotland and Northern Europe began its daily service, I've heard nothing but glowing reports of the facilities and service provided to passengers. I'm looking forward to being able to experience this at first hand and, in doing so, lending my support to this gateway to Europe."

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