



## ALISON GRIFFITHS MP

*Member of Parliament for Bognor Regis and Littlehampton*

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Dear Ms McVea,

I write regarding the *Baltic Klipper* incident, the loss of containers and cargo, and the resulting debris washing up along the West Sussex coastline, including within my constituency of Bognor Regis and Littlehampton. I would be grateful if you could confirm:

- 1) How many containers were originally lost overboard, how many have since been recovered or accounted for, and how many remain unaccounted for as of today.
- 2) What assessment has been made of the ongoing risk to navigation and public safety from any remaining containers or debris?
- 3) What search, monitoring, and recovery activity is currently underway, how long this is expected to continue, and what assessment has been done of the potential impact of further adverse weather.
- 4) Whether formal notices or warnings have been issued to shipping and relevant local authorities, and how this information is kept under review.
- 5) What instructions or requirements, if any, have been placed on the vessel's owners or operators in relation to locating, securing, and recovering lost containers, and how compliance is being monitored.

Given the level of public concern locally, I would welcome a detailed response so that I can provide accurate information to my constituents.

Yours sincerely,

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