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### Local Authorities & Aviation, Parliamentary News 15 December - 21 December

Government News	
14 December 2014 -	<a href="#">The Business Secretary Vince Cable has accused the air services provider NATS of 'skimping on large scale investment' after a fault led to widespread disruption across UK airports.</a>
16 December 2014 -	<a href="#">The Government has published the independent report 'Air accident monthly bulletin December 2014'. The report is a compilation of the Air Accidents Investigation Branch (AAIB) field investigation reports.</a>
17 December 2014 -	<a href="#">Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne has announced in a session of the Treasury Committee that next year's Budget will take place on Wednesday 18 March 2015.</a>
17 December 2014 -	<a href="#">The Government has published a 'National networks national policy statement' against which significant infrastructure projects decisions are made.</a>
17 December 2014 -	<a href="#">The Airports Commission have published a series of reports under the heading - 'Additional airport capacity: strategic fit analysis'. This is a strategic fit analysis of the Airports Commission's shortlisted options for additional airport capacity. These reports support the strategic fit analysis in the consultation on the Airport Commission's shortlisted options for additional airport capacity.</a>
19 December 2014 -	<a href="#">The Airports Commission have published the reports 'Additional airport capacity: noise analysis - a noise analysis of the Airports Commission's shortlisted options for additional airport capacity.</a>
House of Commons Questions	House of Commons Statement
15 December 2014 -	17 December 2014 -
<a href="#">Brady, G - Numbers of families affected by change to Air Passenger Duty</a>	<a href="#">The Minister of State for Transport John Hayes has made a Written Ministerial Statement the House of Commons on the National Networks National Policy Statement.</a>
15 December 2014 -	18 December 2014 -
<a href="#">Jarvis, D - Government provision for possible winter travel disruption</a>	<a href="#">Members of Parliament have heard a statement on the House of Commons Communities and Local Government Committee's report on the National Planning Policy Framework chaired by Clive Betts.</a>
17 December 2014 -	
<a href="#">Dodds, N - Discussions between the UK Government and the Northern Ireland Executive on the future capacity of London airports.</a>	
Parliamentary News	European News
16 December 2014 -	9 Dec 2014 -
<a href="#">The Communities and Local Government Committee have published the report 'Operation of the National Planning Policy Framework'.</a>	<a href="#">The latest analysis by German climate company atmosfair of the airline industry's carbon footprint shows the world's largest airlines decreased their emissions by around one per cent in 2012 compared to the previous year when calculated on a per passenger and per kilometre basis.</a>
17 December 2014 -	15 Dec 2014 -
The House of Commons Transport Committee held an evidence session on the failure in air traffic management systems on Friday 12 December. During the session, the Transport Committee heard from: Chief Executive, National Air Traffic Services (NATS), Richard Deakin; Managing Director Operations, National Air Traffic Services (NATS), Martin Rolfe; and Chief Executive, Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) Andrew Haines. The session included discussion on the following issues: UK airspace disruption; Nature of the system failure; Operation of the system; Investing in technology; Retaining NATS contracts; Input from the Government; and Profit, investment, equipment and cyber security.	<a href="#">With approximately three months to go before aircraft operators are due to report their 2013 and 2014 emissions for flights operated within the European Economic Area (EEA), a significant number of smaller operators and some high-profile airlines have yet to comply with the EU ETS regulations in force for 2012.</a>
	17 December 2014 -
	<a href="#">A report by the European Court of Auditors has found that European Union (EU) funded investments in airports has not generated the expected results and argues it has produced poor value for money.</a>