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Local Authorities & Aviation, Parliamentary News 12 January - 18 January

Parliament News

- 12 January 2015 - [Early Day Motion \(EDM\) 680 - AIRBUS A350 XWB](#). - Early Day Motion (EDM) 680 was put down on 12 January 2015 by Mark Tami (Alyn and Deeside, Labour)
- 14 January 2015 - [The Minister of State for Transport John Hayes gave a written statement to Parliament on a National Policy Statement for National Networks](#).
- 14 January 2015 - [The Member of Parliament for Chelmsford Mr Simon Burns has called for improvements to planning rules for major infrastructure projects, in response to the written statement to Parliament on a National Policy Statement for National Network](#).
- 14 January 2015 - [The first session in the Transport Select Committee's Smaller Airports inquiry is to be held on Monday 19 January 2015. Likely topics for discussion include government support for smaller airports, air passenger duty, the importance of smaller airports to regional economies and surface access links. Witnesses will be: Chief Executive of British Air Transport Association, Nathan Stower; Chief Executive of Airport Operators Association, Darren Caplan; Group Director for Regulatory Policy at the Civil Aviation Authority, Iain Osborne; Chairman of the Aviation Forum from the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport, Paul Le Blond; and Chairman of the Regional and Business Airports Group, John Spooner.](#)

House of Common - Questions

- 13 January 2015 - [Simpson, D - UK Government support the families of people who died in the AirAsia QZ8501 plane crash](#)
- 13 January 2015 - [Spellar, J - Airline pilots and 'skill fade' through over-reliance on automatic systems](#)
- 15 January 2015 - [Smith, H - Contribution of tourism to the UK economy](#)

House of Lords - Questions

- 15 January 2015 - [Lord Patten - UK Government position on the exclusion of Gibraltar from proposed European Union legislation Single European Sky Two+](#)
- 15 January 2015 - [Baroness Valentine - Immigration waiting time at Gatwick Airport](#)

Government News

- 13 January 2015 - [The Airports Commission has published a list of meetings that Sir Howard Davies and members of the Airports Commission have had with stakeholders between June to November 2014.](#)
- 14 January 2015 - [City region leaders and agencies have met in Leeds to agree priorities for a 15 year transport strategy for the north of England. The inaugural meeting of the 'Transport for the North' group included representatives from Greater Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds, Hull and the Humber, Newcastle and Sheffield.](#)
- 15 January 2015 - The Office for National Statistics has released a range of new datasets relating to travel and tourism. These include:
- [Overseas Travel and Tourism, Provisional Results, quarter 3, 2014](#) which presents results on the number of overseas visitors to the UK, UK residents visits abroad, earnings from overseas visits, expenditure of UK residents going abroad;
 - [Overseas travel and tourism, provisional: July to September 2014](#) which presents results from the International Passenger Survey on overseas residents' visits to and from the UK, and UK residents' visits abroad.
 - [Travelpac, Q3, 2014](#) which consists of a series of data files derived from the International Passenger Survey (IPS), giving access to data in a form suitable for use by small businesses and students; and
 - [Trends in overseas tourism to and from the UK since 2003.](#)