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BATA Comment on Parliamentary Report on Aviation Policy and Air Passenger Duty

Simon Buck, Chief Executive of the British Air Transport Association, commenting on the report published today (29th August) by the All Party Parliamentary Group for Aviation said:

“Having listened to the evidence from all comers, the MPs have come to the very sound conclusion that high taxes on flying damage inward investment and tourism. It’s time we had some joined up Government thinking on this. When will this Government accept that a vigorous aviation industry is essential for the economy and for jobs and that we need to compete with our international rivals for business by growing our trading links with the rest of the world rather than taxing them out of existence or allowing them to wither away through a lack of airport capacity?”

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Notes to Editors

- BATA is the trade body for UK-registered airlines, with members representing all sectors of the industry.
- In 2011, BATA members employed 73,000 people, operated four-fifths of the UK commercial aircraft fleet and were responsible for some 96% of UK airline output, carrying 129 million passengers and 1.1 million tonnes of cargo.
- The ten BATA member airlines are: British Airways, DHL, easyJet, flybe, Jet2.com, Monarch, Thomas Cook, Thomson Airways, Titan Airways and Virgin Atlantic
- The Report ‘Inquiry into Aviation Policy & APD’ by the All Party Parliamentary Group for Aviation published on the morning of Wednesday 29th August on the Politics Home website and can be accessed at http://www.epolitix.com/fileadmin/epolitix/APPG_AviationReport.pdf