

Government News	House of Commons Questions
<p>30 April 2012 - Justine Greening promises action on air capacity Speaking at an easyJet reception in Westminster, the Transport Secretary said: "We know there is a problem with air capacity in the South East and we intend to address it quickly."</p>	<p>Ownership of take-off and landing slots at London airports and the referral of the practice to the Competition Commission – Goldsmith, Z - 30 April 2012</p>
<p>30 April 2012 - Damien Green responds to an Urgent Question on immigration queues at UK airports Immigration minister Damian Green said that the Border Force would increase their capacity at airports in the run up to the Summer.</p>	<p>Review of plans for a third runway at Heathrow - Johnson, G - 30 April 2012</p>
<p>Mr Green cited figures demonstrating that 99 per cent of UK and EU citizens passed through the borders within 25 minutes and promised that the Government would work with airlines to ensure that they cooperated with airports over landing times.</p>	<p>Deployment of operational freedoms at Heathrow – Goldsmith, Z - 30 April 2012</p>
<p>30 April 2012 - Chris Bryant responds to an Urgent Question on immigration queues at UK airports Shadow Home Office Minister Chris Bryant said that the Border Force needed more funding after missing its targets on 13 out of 15 days over Easter.</p>	<p>Services to Brussels, Copenhagen and Zurich from Edinburgh Airport – Lazarowicz, M - 30 April 2012</p>
<p>1 May 2012 - Weather blamed for Heathrow Airport immigration queues Immigration minister Damian Green insisted that delays had been caused by "the severe weather, leading to flight diversions and changing flight schedules."</p>	<p>Continuity of routes served by BMI – Lazarowicz, M - 30 April 2012</p>
<p>2 May 2012 – Heathrow Airport given 80 staff despite 900 staff cuts across UK Nearly 900 Border Force posts, equivalent to 10 per cent of staff, have been scrapped over the past two years. The scale of the cuts emerged as Damian Green, the Immigration minister, announced that 80 extra staff were being drafted in to Heathrow.</p>	<p>Assessment of the effect of BMI routes between Belfast city and Heathrow following International Airlines Group takeover – Long, N - 30 April 2012</p>
<p>2 May 2012 - Immigration staff announce plans to strike The Immigration Services Union, which represents 4,500 border guards nationwide will notify the Cabinet Office that it intends to stage industrial action on 10 May 2012 in a row over pensions.</p>	<p>Discussions with China about the EU Emissions Trading Scheme – Fitzpatrick, J - 30 April 2012</p>
<p>3 May 2012 - Official waiting time figures reveal scale of Heathrow chaos One in four of all non-European passengers arriving at Heathrow's Terminal 5 during April had to wait longer than the target time of 45 minutes to get through passport control, according to official airport figures.</p>	<p>Aviation exhaust emissions – Goldsmith, Z - 30 April 2012</p>
	<p>EU Emissions Trading Scheme effect on the manufacturing industry – Tami, M - 1 May 2012</p>
	<p>House of Lords Questions</p>
	<p>30 April 2012 - Baroness Valentine - Variation of air passenger duty in the UK</p>
	<p>30 April 2012 - Lord Birt - Reduction of waiting times at Heathrow airport</p>
	<p>30 April 2012 - Lord Bates - Major infrastructure investment announced since May 2010</p>
	<p>SASIG 2012/13 Meeting Dates</p>
	<p>Thursday 14 June 2012 The Aviation Minister, Theresa Villiers, shall be attending.</p>
	<p>Friday 9 November 2012 and Friday 1 March 2013. Meetings are held between 11am and 1pm, at Local Government House, Smith Square, SW1P 3HZ, with lunch provided afterwards; location map</p>