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Westminster Debates and Legislation

6 March 2012 - Public Bill Committee - Civil Aviation Bill (Day Five)
The Bill to confer functions on the Civil Aviation Authority under competition legislation in relation to services provided at airports, and make provision about aviation security was debated in the Commons in Committee stage.

8 March 2012 - Public Bill Committee - Civil Aviation Bill (Day Six)

Press Releases

7 March 2012 - Reports that Government is to make no significant changes to its draft planning reforms
Roberta Blackman-Woods MP (Lab; City of Durham), Shadow Planning Minister, commenting on reports that there will be no significant changes to the Draft National Planning Policy Framework, said:
"Reports that the Government is to make no significant changes to its draft planning reforms are extremely worrying. In the past, the minister has chosen to describe the voices of organisations like the National Trust, RSPB and the Campaign to Protect Rural England as variously “nihilistic”, “left-wing” and “semi-hysterical”.
"If there really is no significant change in the document and this Tory-led Government continues to ignore the millions of members in these organisations, such an out of touch and complacent approach will raise serious concerns amongst all those who love our countryside."

SASIG Meetings

Thursday 14 June 2012 The Aviation Minister, Theresa Villiers, shall be attending.
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

House of Commons Questions

Use of sustainable biofuels for reducing transport CO2 emissions - Goldsmith, Z - 5 March 2012

Anticipated carbon emissions until 2050 - Eagle, M - 5 March 2012

Forecasts up to 2050 for passenger and air traffic movements - Eagle, M - 5 March 2012

Discussions on the takeover of BMI - Lady Hermon - 5 March 2012

Plans to devolve air passenger duty to Northern Ireland - Ritchie, M - 5 March 2012

Plans to devolve air passenger duty to Wales - Edwards, J - 5 March 2012

Variations of air passenger duty in areas of high unemployment - Goggins, P - 6 March 2012

Effect of air passenger duty on the economy - Goggins, P - 6 March 2012

House of Lords Questions

Air passenger duty reimbursement - Lord Bradshaw - 7 March 2012

Definition of air passenger duty - Lord Bradshaw - 8 March 2012