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Government News

13 March 2012 - Former Conservative environment minister Tim Yeo claims the coalition has the "wrong policy" over London airports
Tim Yeo, the former Conservative environment minister is calling on the government to drop its opposition to a third runway at Heathrow Airport. The coalition scrapped Labour's plans for a third runway at Heathrow and also ruled out any additional runways at Gatwick and Stansted when it came to power.

15 March 2012 - London mayoral candidates clash over transport
In the first debate with the four main candidates for mayor elections in May, the debate discussed issues relating to transport in London with Liberal Democrat Mayoral candidate Brian Paddick urging "smarter" use of Heathrow to increase capacity, and proposed cutting the number of short haul flights from Heathrow and replacing them with more to emerging long haul destinations. London Mayor, Boris Johnson made no reference to proposals for the Thames estuary airport at the event.

Westminster Debates and Legislation

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

13 March 2012 - Public Bill Committee - Civil Aviation Bill (Day Seven)

16 March 2012 - Lords Second Reading - Airports (Amendment) Bill
The Lords debated that the Airports (Amendment) Bill would be incompatible with EU law.

SASIG 2012/13 Meeting Dates

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

Effects United States and China exclusion of the emission trading scheme - Main, A - 13 March 2012

Thames estuary airport discussions - Reckless, M - 14 March 2012

Longhaul routes from Scotland - MacNeil, A - 14 March 2012

Environmental effects of a Thames estuary airport - Reckless, M - 15 March 2012

Departmental meetings on the Thames Estuary airport - Reckless, M - 15 March 2012

Environment concerns for sustainable framework for UK aviation - Reckless, M - 15 March 2012

Press Releases

13 March 2012 - Labour - Require airline tickets to show lower carbon emission journeys
Labour will attempt to amend the Civil Aviation Bill to require airlines to print on tickets, for domestic flights and those to European destinations, not just the emissions but also the equivalent lower emissions if they had travelled by rail.

15 March 2012 - Labour - Willie Walsh has highlighted Government's lack of a plan for growth