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Government News	House of Commons Questions
<p>17 Dec 2013 - The Airports Commission's interim report published today (17 Dec 2013) has announced that it will be taking forward for further detailed study proposals for new runways at two locations Gatwick and Heathrow Airports:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gatwick Airport Ltd's proposal for a new runway to the south of the existing runway. 2. Heathrow Airport Ltd's proposal for one new 3,500m runway to the northwest. 3. Heathrow Hub's proposal to extend the existing northern runway to at least 6,000m, enabling the extended runway to operate as two independent runways. <p>The Airports Commission's independent review into airport capacity and connectivity in the UK has concluded that there is a need for one net additional runway to be in operation in the south east by 2030. The report is available here, along with its associated appendices.</p> <p>19 Dec 2013 - The Department for Transport has published 'Public service obligation: regional air access to London' - UK government policy on protecting regional air services to London though public service obligations (PSO).</p>	<p>16 Dec 2013 - Marsden - Assessment of accuracy of DfT impact assessments in aviation reform</p> <p>16 Dec 2013 - de Bois - Total receipts from air passenger duty</p> <p>18 Dec 2013 - McDonnell - Expansion at Heathrow Airport</p> <p>19 Dec 2013 - Cunningham - Potential benefits of expansion at Birmingham Airport</p> <p>19 Dec 2013 - Fitzpatrick - Renaming Birmingham Airport railway station</p> <p>19 Dec 2013 - Fabricant - Financial prospects of Birmingham Airport with airport expansion in the south east of England</p> <p>19 Dec 2013 - Raynsford - Airports Commission costing of Heathrow Airport proposal</p> <p>19 Dec 2013 - Lumley - Renaming Birmingham Airport railway station</p> <p>19 Dec 2013 - Pincher - Infrastructure projects close to Birmingham Airport</p> <p>19 Dec 2013 - Gilbert - Public service obligation on the Newquay to Gatwick air route</p>
Parliament News	European News
<p>17 Dec 2013 - The Transport Committee will hold a one-off evidence session with Sir Howard Davies on 20 January 2014 to answer questions about the Airports Commission's interim report.</p> <p>17 Dec 2013 - The Secretary of State for Transport, Patrick McLoughlin gave a statement about the work of the Airports Commission and details of his written ministerial statement from this morning on Network Rail's reclassification. Members of Parliament went on to debate the report and Transport Infrastructure more generally. A full transcript of the debate is available here.</p>	<p>18 Dec 2013 - The European Commission has announced a new policy package of measures aimed at 'cleaning up Europe's air'. The commission says in 2010, more than 400,000 people in the EU are estimated to have died prematurely due to air pollution.</p>