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Government News	Parliamentary News
<p>15 July 2014 - <a href="#">The Department for Transport (DfT) have published a report on the outcome of their consultation on night flights. The report features the decision on night flying restrictions at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted airports following an initial consultation, that ran between January and April 2013, and this second consultation, that ran between November 2013 and February 2014.</a> The full decision document and impact assessment are available on the department's website <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>15 July 2014 - <a href="#">The Secretary of State for Transport, The Rt Hon Patrick McLoughlin, has made a written ministerial statement which constitutes the Government's response to the Airports Commission's interim report.</a> The full statement is also available on the <a href="#">Latest News</a> section of the SASIG website.</p> <p>16 July 2014 - <a href="#">The Air Operators Association (AOA) has welcomed the Government's update on the Airports Commission Interim Report.</a></p>	<p>15 July 2014 - Parliament has debated domestic and international connectivity provided by regional airports in the House of Commons. During the debate the Government was 'clear about the economic and connectivity benefits that regional airports bring to regions, communities and businesses'. A full transcript of the debate can be found on the '<a href="#">Latest News</a>' section of the SASIG website, or on the House of Commons website <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>15 July 2014 - The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport and Aviation Minister gave a speech setting out plans for the UK's first 'space port'. A full transcript of the speech can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>15 July 2014 - <a href="#">The Committee on Climate Changes has published the report 'Meeting Carbon Budgets - 2014 Progress Report to Parliament'.</a></p> <p>17 July 2014 - <a href="#">The Chief Executive of Heathrow Airport, Mr John Holland-Kaye has told the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) 'Heathrow and the Wider Economy' that the airport would not decline if expansion did not go ahead. Mr Holland-Kaye also said that a third runway could be just the start of an expansion programme at the airport.</a></p>
House of Commons Questions	European News
<p>14 July 2014 - <a href="#">Menzies - Assessment of the importance of regional airports in meeting the UK's aviation needs</a></p>	<p>14 July 2014 - <a href="#">The European Union's new regulation calls for creating a 'balanced approach' to noise reduction, by encouraging the use of less noisy aircraft, improving land-use planning around airfields, imposing less noisy airport ground operations and - in extreme cases - limiting overnight flights.</a></p>