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Government News	Parliamentary News
<p>5 December 2014 - The Government have published a feasibility study considering options for improving access to Leeds Bradford International Airport.</p> <p>9 December 2014 - Rail Minister Claire Perry visited London Euston to officially mark the introduction of 10 new 4-car trains for the London Midland network, as part of its new timetable.</p> <p>9 December 2014 - The Airports Commission are holding a 'Public drop in session' for advice on responding to the Commission's consultation on proposals for additional airport capacity at Gatwick Airport on the 16 December 2014.</p> <p>11 December 2014 - The Government have published the report 'Transport Statistics Great Britain: 2014', showing statistical trends in the British transport sector for the year 2014.</p> <p>14 December 2014 - The Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change Ed Davey has published the Government's response to the new agreement reached by United Nations (UN) members to tackle climate change.</p>	<p>9 December 2014 - Aviation Minister Robert Goodwill attended the EU Transport Council on Wednesday 3 December. Mr Goodwill summarised the outcomes of the meeting to Parliament where the inclusion of Gibraltar in EU aviation legislation was discussed along with TEN-T, Single European Sky 'recast' and European Standards of Training.</p> <p>11 December 2014 - The Committee on Climate Change (CCC) has published its latest report, 'Energy prices and bills - impacts of meeting carbon budgets'. The report considers the impact of meeting carbon budgets on household, commercial and industrial sector energy bills, and concludes that opportunities to improve energy efficiency could offset all of the impact on household bills to 2030 and at least part of the impact on commercial and industrial firms.</p>
House of Commons Questions	European News
<p>5 December 2014 - Hanson, D - Closure of security gates at Heathrow Airport</p> <p>9 December 2014 - Jackson, S - Potential for further cuts to Air Passenger Duty</p> <p>10 December 2014 - Lady Hermon - Student exemption from Air Passenger Duty</p>	<p>8 December 2014 - The European Union's (EU) TEN-T Programme will invest over €600k studies on a new rail connection between Wrocław Airport in Poland and the city centre of Wrocław.</p> <p>11 December 2014 - The European Union's TEN-T Programme will co-finance with nearly €2 million a study on the new generation of communications infrastructure for the European air traffic management.</p>
House of Commons Statement	House of Lords Question
<p>11 December 2014 - Kane, M - Development of regional economy in the North of England</p>	<p>8 December 2014 - Lord Harrison - Air Travel Organisers' Licence scheme reform</p>