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Government News

- 23 February 2015 - [Transport Secretary Patrick McLoughlin visited the East Midlands to see how transport investments are aiming to helping to grow the regional economy.](#)
- 26 February 2015 - [Transport Secretary Patrick McLoughlin visited Lancashire to see how transport improvements are aiming to benefit the region.](#)
- 27 February 2015 - [The Chancellor of the Exchequer has set out his six point long term economic plan for the North East showing what has been delivered, what is underway and what more can be done to build a 'Northern Powerhouse' that enables the region to reach its potential as a driving force in the UK. In a speech in Stockton, the Chancellor set out the detailed plan as part of a day long tour of the region.](#) The full transcript of the speech is available [here](#).

Parliament News

- 23 February 2015 - The House of Commons Transport Committee enquiry into smaller airports heard evidence from the Aviation Minister Robert Goodwill and Deputy Director of Aviation Policy and Delivery at the Department for Transport, Ben Smith. The topics covered: International hub airports; Air Passenger Duty; Manston Airport; Public Service Obligation ; and airport expansion and smaller airports. A summary of the evidence is presented below, with the full transcript available [here](#).

House of Lords questions

- 25 February 2015 - [Lord Kilclooney - Safeguarding slots at Heathrow and Gatwick airports for flights by British Airways and Aer Lingus to Belfast City](#)

House of Commons questions

- 23 February 2015 - [Hanson, D - Proportion of general aviation private flights classified as high risk and met by Border Force officials on arrival](#)
- 23 February 2015 - [Hanson, D - Number of general aviation flights met by border officers; and number of flights classified as high risk](#)
- 23 February 2015 - [Hanson, D - Number of general aviation pre-flight passenger notifications were \(a\) submitted and \(b\) not submitted to Border Force since 2010](#)
- 23 February 2015 - [Hanson, D - Number of flights on the Civil Aviation Tracking System not to have submitted general aviation reports](#)
- 23 February 2015 - [McGovern, A - Estimate of the change to the cost of travelling](#)
- 25 February 2015 - [Kane, M - Assessment of the impact of zero Air Passenger Duty in Scotland on airports in the North of England](#)
- 25 February 2015 - [Kane, M - Revenue accrued to the Exchequer in Air Passenger Duty from Manchester Airport in each of the last five years.](#)
- 25 February 2015 - [Kane, M - Estimate of the potential cost to Manchester Airport of a zero-rate air passenger duty for Scotland](#)
- 26 February 2015 - [Goldsmith, Z - Role of Simon Baugh \(Group Director of Communications for DfT\) and process for recruitment](#)