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Dear Francois,

Thank you for your letter of 5 March regarding disruptive behaviour on flights, and the Campus Watch initiative at Glasgow Airport.

Although the total number of incidents at airports and on flights remains small, when they do occur they can have a significant impact. I therefore welcome this update from you advising that Campus Watch is yielding positive results. I look forward to this good work continuing over the upcoming summer season.

As you will be aware, Airlines UK have been campaigning for an amendment to the Air Navigation Order (ANO) to make it clear that the illicit consumption of alcohol on board an aircraft is an offence. This would support cabin crew in their efforts to combat disruptive passengers. I fully support Airlines UK's proposal.

As this matter is reserved, I have written to the UK Transport Secretary to ask that the UK Government give serious consideration to an amendment to the ANO. I believe that such an amendment to the ANO will significantly contribute to our shared aim of reducing the number of incidents caused by disruptive passengers.

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In the meantime, the Scottish Government and Transport Scotland are continuing to monitor the effectiveness of the existing legislation at Scottish airports.

I trust that this information is of interest, and I thank you for the update.

*Best wishes*  
*Michael Matheson*

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