

Correspondence 19 December 2022.

From: REDACTED
Sent: 19 December 2022 18:01
To: REDACTED
Subject: Heathrow Airport - note of meeting - 16 December 2022

REDACTED

Grateful if you can confirm if you are content with the below note from the recent meeting with Heathrow Airport.

Meeting with Heathrow Airport

Date: Friday 16 December 2022

Location: Virtual

Attendees: REDACTED Heathrow Airport
REDACTED Heathrow Airport
REDACTED Transport Scotland
REDACTED Transport Scotland
REDACTED, Transport Scotland

Matters discussed

- John Holland-Kaye may be in Scotland in March / April – would be good to arrange a meeting at this time. Heathrow to confirm date of any future visit.
- Heathrow provided an update on expansion plans.
- Discussed connectivity between Heathrow and ABZ / EDI / GLA and INV.
- Transport Scotland provided an update on Aviation Strategy.
- Discussion around Jet Zero Strategy, SAF and Project Napkin. Heathrow charging structure is incentivising SAF.
- Domestic passenger discount has REDACTED.

Thanks

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From: REDACTED
Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2022 8:52 AM
To: REDACTED
Subject: RE: Heathrow Airport - note of meeting - 16 December 2022

Content thanks

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From: REDACTED
Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2022 12:39 PM
To: REDACTED >
Subject: Heathrow Airport - meeting - officials - note of meeting - 16 December 2022 (A41930902)

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For awareness, I prepared a short note from our meeting with Heathrow last week – I have put this in eRDM. Link below.

'Heathrow Airport - meeting - officials - note of meeting - 16 December 2022' -
<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk/documents/A41930902/details>

Regards

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Correspondence 6 February 2023

From: REDACTED

Sent: 06 February 2023 10:47

To: REDACTED

Subject: Crazy deadline

Importance: High

– could someone dig our top lines on Heathrow please. Just email them to me please.
Ta

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From: REDACTED

Sent: 06 February 2023 10:54

To: REDACTED

Subject: RE: Crazy deadline

This is the latest I have but it's from 2021.

REDACTED - I believe you did something recently. Could you send that?

Thanks

REDACTED

From: REDACTED

Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 10:57 AM

To: REDACTED

Subject: RE: Crazy deadline

Seen on erdm a FMQ dated March 2022 that REDACTED did previously, if that helps. See link

Click on the link to open 'Heathrow FMQ _March 2022' –

Email exchange 1. Between Periods 24 March to 27 March

From: REDACTED
Sent: 24 March 2023 15:28
To: REDACTED
Cc: DL for Climate Change FMQs Team REDACTED
Subject: FMQs 30th March - transport

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[Support for Heathrow third runway must be withdrawn by next First Minister, say Lib Dems - Daily Record](#)

Thanks
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From: REDACTED >
Sent: 24 March 2023 15:49
To: REDACTED
Cc: DL for Climate Change FMQs Team REDACTED
REDACTED
Subject: RE: FMQs 30th March - transport

Thanks REDACTED

Forwarding to REDACTED. REDACTED could you add lines to the FMQ for Monday 10am to reflect this please? I am aware there has been previous from SLD regarding Heathrow.

[Green transport incl. electric vehicles and active travel details - Objective ECM \(scotland.gov.uk\)](#)

Thanks

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From: REDACTED
Sent: 24 March 2023 16:42
To: REDACTED
Cc: DL for Climate Change FMQs Team REDACTED

REDACTED

Subject: RE: FMQs 30th March - transport

Adding REDACTED who can provide lines. REDACTED

Or maybe just provide the standalone FMQ note on LHR expansion?

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An agency of  The Scottish Government

From: REDACTED >

Sent: 27 March 2023 09:34

To: REDACTED

Cc: REDACTED

Subject: RE: FMQs 30th March - transport

Morning All,

I added an old eRDM link sorry. REDACTED if you are adding lines, could you add to this version here please? FMQ team need the brief back for 11am. Grateful if you could indicate to me when it is ready

[FMQ Green transport incl. electric vehicles and active travel details - Objective ECM \(scotland.gov.uk\)](#)

Thank you

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REDACTED is just checking some of the lines in our Heathrow FMQ – after that do you just want us to add them to your link below, or would you prefer I just send your our FMQ?

Thanks

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From: REDACTED
Sent: 27 March 2023 09:41
To: REDACTED
Cc: REDACTED
Subject: RE: FMQs 30th March - transport

Hi REDACTED

Either or both is fine. Might be handy for me to have in case of any late briefing for the new FM?

Thanks

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From: REDACTED
Sent: 27 March 2023 09:47
To: REDACTED
Cc: REDACTED
Subject: RE: FMQs 30th March - transport

Hi REDACTED

I'll send you our full FMQ and I'll leave to you to add in at the most appropriate point in the overall brief (probably better than me adding in at the wrong place).

I'll send over shortly.

Regards

REDACTED

From: REDACTED
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2023 10:43 AM
To: REDACTED
Cc: REDACTED
Subject: RE: FMQs 30th March - transport

Hi REDACTED

Please find attached our FMQ on Heathrow.

Regards

REDACTED

FMQ lines – Provided on 27 March 2023

ISSUE: 24 Mar: Alex Cole-Hamilton has said the new FM must withdraw support for expansion at Heathrow Airport as this expansion is ‘not compatible’ with climate goals.

- The decision to allow Heathrow expansion was taken by the Westminster Government and Parliament.
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- Sustainable aviation fuels (SAF) and hydrogen/electric aircraft have the potential to significantly reduce aviation emissions in the future whilst still allowing us to enjoy the social and economic benefits that aviation brings. This includes the economic benefits of being connected to global hubs like Amsterdam and Heathrow.

Scotland has shown global leadership by being the first country to include international aviation and shipping emissions in its statutory climate targets.

- Aviation is a global industry and continued international collaboration is vital to achieving emissions reductions and meeting our ambitious climate change targets.
- Sustainable aviation fuels (SAF) could significantly reduce emissions and we welcome the commitments from industry and governments around the world to increase the use of SAF.
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- Our ownership of Highlands and Islands Airports Ltd (HIAL) creates a unique opportunity for Scotland to lead the charge to zero emission aviation.
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Good international connectivity is key to achieving sustainable economic growth in Scotland. It enables flows of trade, investment, labour, knowledge and tourism visitors, which benefits Scotland's economy as a whole.

- The Scottish Government is committed to working with Scotland's airports to help restore and grow our international connectivity, while not returning to previous levels of emissions.

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Subject: RE: FMQs 30th March - transport

Adding [REDACTED] who can provide lines. ([REDACTED])

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 27 March 2023 09:55

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FMQs 30th March - transport

[REDACTED]

We've made a few changes to the FMQ note (last version I could find was done by [REDACTED] in March 2022 in response to a Ferret article).

Are you content for this updated version to be sent to [REDACTED] for inclusion in the wider Green Transport FMQ note?

Here's the link that's been updated -

<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk/documents/A36884605/details>

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 27, 2023 10:44 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FMQs 30th March - transport

[REDACTED]

I just sent this on to [REDACTED] given his requirement to have this with FMQ Team by 11, however if you want any changes made just let me know.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

Correspondence dated 31 March 2023



Heathrow Airport Holdings Limited,
The Compass Centre, Nelson Road,
Hounslow, Middlesex, TW6 2GW

31 March 2023
Humza Yousaf MSP
First Minister of Scotland
The Scottish Government
St Andrew's House
Regent Road
Edinburgh EH1 3DG

Dear First Minister,

I am writing to extend my warmest congratulations on your election as First Minister of Scotland. Heathrow welcomed your support as Transport Minister and we value the Memorandum of Understanding that is currently in place with the Scottish Government.

We look forward to strengthening our links with Scottish airports and continuing to provide vital connections through the UK's only hub airport, serving over 200 destinations, over 80 airlines and across 80 countries. These connections bring nearly 600,000 inbound passengers to Scotland, with visitors spending around £200 million in Scotland per annum. In 2019, business passengers flying to and from Scotland via Heathrow generated more than £570m in trade and FDI for Scotland.

We recently wrote to the UK Government asking for a review of the remedy slots process, recently utilised by Flybe, to repurpose them for long-term, domestic routes and connections at Heathrow. We would welcome your support on this to allow more airports in Scotland to easily access Europe's biggest hub airports, so that communities and businesses in Scotland are able to attract and secure trade, tourism and inward investment in order to boost growth. To be clear, we do not compete with the success of Scottish airports, we complement them.

Vitality, these economic and social benefits are not a choice over sustainability. Sustainable growth lies at the core of our business. The planet is facing a climate emergency, as your government recognises, and we are committed to achieving Net Zero as quickly as we can in advance of 2050. We believe aviation has a key role in supporting decarbonisation and the transition to Net Zero and that the development and production of Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF) is crucial in achieving this. Implementing local SAF production will create economic benefits and provide security of supply, such as in St Fergus, identified as an important site for low carbon energy and Grangemouth – home of the UK's only refinery with a hydrocracker.

As a global hub airport, Heathrow is delighted to play our part in Scotland reaching out to the world working alongside our Scottish partners, the Scottish Chambers of Commerce (SCC) and the Scottish Council for Development and Industry (SCDI). We look forward to welcoming senior leaders from Scotland in partnership with the SCC in May for a vital discussion on the importance of aviation to connectivity, trade, and investment between our two nations.

We would welcome the opportunity to invite you to a roundtable in Scotland, with our key Scottish industry partners and exporters, at your convenience. We look forward to hearing from you and wish you all the success in your new role as First Minister.

Yours sincerely

REDACTED

Heathrow Airport

Email Exchange 1. dated 25 April 2023

From: REDACTED
Sent: 25 April 2023 16:28
To: REDACTED
Cc: REDACTED
Subject: Diary case 202300351767. REDACTED Heathrow Airport

Hi REDACTED,

A diary case for you to review (while you still have only your Aviation hat on).

Request from REDACTED from Heathrow Airport requesting to meet with the First Minister. Office of the First Minister has since directed it for the attention of the relevant portfolio Minister. I attach the PS minute and draft responses.

We should note that the request is for a Roundtable meeting and not directly with Heathrow itself.

We only got the case type changed yesterday from an OR case to a Diary type case so the deadline for sending up to Private Office is today. Appreciate this is very tight for a review to be made.

Many thanks

REDACTED

REDACTED

From: REDACTED >
Sent: 25 April 2023 16:41
To: REDACTED
Subject: RE: Diary case 202300351767. REDACTED, Heathrow Airport

REDACTED

Thanks. In the template can we say that a one to one meeting with Heathrow would be an alternative if the Minister is not minded to attend a wider stakeholder roundtable. And give them two draft letters, one agreeing to round table and one suggesting a one to one meeting instead.

Thanks

REDACTED

REDACTED

From: REDACTED >

Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 4:55:47 PM

To: REDACTED

Subject: RE: Diary case 202300351767. REDACTED Heathrow Airport

REDACTED

Can I just check, do you want us to recommend to the Minister that he does a one to one instead of the stakeholder round table, or just leave it to the Minister to decide?

And were you content with the remedy slot lines included in the responses?

For this we'll put up three responses, one agreeing to the roundtable, one asking for a one to one instead, and one declining the request.

Thanks

REDACTED

From: REDACTED

Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 5:06 PM

To: REDACTED

Cc: REDACTED

Subject: Re: Diary case 202300351767. REDACTED Heathrow Airport

Leave him to decide. Either fine with me. Think he'll opt for a one to one though

Email Exchange 2. Period 25 April 2023

From: REDACTED
Sent: 25 April 2023 13:19
To: REDACTED
Subject: Diary case 202300351767. Heathrow

REDACTED

I attached PS minute and draft letters for the Heathrow case. You may wish to see if the Decline letter needs expanding further.

Thanks

REDACTED

REDACTED

REDACTED

From: REDACTED
Sent: 25 April 2023 15:56
To: REDACTED
Subject: FW: Diary case 202300351767. Heathrow

Hi REDACTED

I have made some track changes to each.

Grateful if you can run past REDACTED to see if he is content with these given this is the first one that isn't following the template.

And also worth flagging to REDACTED it seems to be a roundtable meeting they are requesting, not a direct Heathrow – SG meeting which might change REDACTED recommendation – send REDACTED the case, PS minute and your draft responses but worth flagging this point.

Can you also flag the deadline to REDACTED as well just so he knows it's due up today – we might not make it now but we should try.

Thanks

REDACTED

From: REDACTED
Sent: 25 April 2023 17:06
To: REDACTED >
Subject: RE: Diary case 202300351767. Heathrow

Hi REDACTED

Proposed updates on PS minute and Response letters. One to one offer response letter is the third page but can sequence them properly on the Mi-case system as the two Accept responses coming first before the Decline response on the Mi-case system.

From: REDACTED

Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 5:31 PM

To: REDACTED

Subject: FW: Diary case 202300351767. Heathrow

Thanks REDACTED

Some changes to the PS minute and letters. Should be good to go now.

Thanks

REDACTED

PS Minute Note 25th April 2023

PS Minute Information

Event Details

Date of Event:

Not Specified

Time of Event:

Not Specified

MiCase Reference:

202300351767

Final Due Date:

11/05/2023

Case Owner:

REDACTED

Sender:

REDACTED

Has the Minister been asked to attend on Behalf of FM?:

No

Recommendation:

Accept

Has this advice been agreed with your Head of Division:

Yes

Recommendation Comments:

It is recommended that Mr Stewart, Minister for Transport accepts this invitation. The original request was sent to the First Minister and it has been requested that this is passed to the relevant portfolio Minister for response. A roundtable will provide the Minister with the opportunity to hear directly from key stakeholders about Heathrow connectivity. It will also give the Minister the chance to discuss matters such as how the recovery from Covid-19 is going, decarbonisation, sustainable aviation fuels (SAF), and will also be an opportunity to hear from Heathrow on their plans for expansion and the performance of routes between Heathrow and Scotland. This is not, however, a one to one meeting with Heathrow. A one to one meeting with Heathrow would be an alternative if the Minister is not minded to attend a wider stakeholder roundtable. A response suggesting a one to one meeting instead has also been provided. Being the only hub airport in the UK, Heathrow provides important connections for Scotland. The Scottish Government has a Memorandum of Understanding with Heathrow Airport to ensure Scotland benefits from their expansion plans. However, the decision to allow Heathrow expansion was taken by the Westminster Government and Parliament.

Has another minister been asked to attend?:

Yes

Minister List:

The original request was sent to the First Minister. It has been requested that this is passed to the relevant portfolio Minister for response.

Theme Of Event:

REDACTED has sent in a congratulatory letter to the First Minister, and has also taken the opportunity to invite the FM to a roundtable in Scotland with their key Scottish industry partners and exporters. The letter also mentions that Heathrow, working alongside their Scottish partners, the Scottish Chambers of Commerce (SCC) and the Scottish Council for Development and Industry (SCDI), are already welcoming senior leaders from Scotland in May to discuss the importance of aviation to connectivity, trade and investment between the two nations.

Purpose Of Event

=> Improve relations with stakeholders.

=> Reinforce or illustrate existing policy.

Most appropriate type of ministerial input:

Ministerial Meeting

Main message to communicate:

- Our work to restore and grow our international connectivity relies on strong point to point connections, as well as frequent connections to global hubs, including Heathrow.

Event Location

Please Select

Kevin Stewart MSP
Minister For Transport



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REDACTED

Our ref: 202300351767
April 2023

Dear REDACTED

Thank you for your letter of 31 March 2023 to Humza Yousaf MSP, First Minister. With the Minister for Transport, Kevin Stewart MSP, having portfolio responsibility for aviation, your letter has been passed to Mr Stewart for consideration, however the First Minister appreciates your congratulatory message.

We recognise the importance of frequent connections to global hubs, including Heathrow, in restoring and growing our international connectivity, and we want the remedy slots to ensure Scotland has such connections.

Whilst the Minister appreciates your invitation to attend a wider roundtable, Mr Stewart would welcome the opportunity to have a one to one meeting with Heathrow Airport instead at this time.

If you are agreeable to such a meeting, I would be grateful if you could please contact contact REDACTED Assistant Private Secretary, REDACTED at REDACTED to make arrangements.

REDACTED

REDACTED

Private Secretary

Correspondence 11 April 2023. Extract of email

From: REDACTED

Sent: 11 April 2023 17:24

To: REDACTED

Subject: URGENT - For Response by 11am on Friday: FOR ACTION: High Level Transport Briefing

Hi all,

We've had a request from Ms McAllan's PO to provide some further briefing (on top of the directorate presentations) on the following topics:

OUT OF SCOPE

- Aviation – REDACTED

OUT OF SCOPE

Ms McAllan has requested 2/3 pages on each of the above topics to cover strategic commitments/priorities and political issues/upcoming concerns. As a starter for 10 I've pulled some relevant info out of the directorate presentations, I'd be grateful if colleagues could expand upon and add to this to give Ms McAllan a more in depth view of current key issues in each of these areas: [Briefing - Request from the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Just Transition - 11 April 2023 details - Objective ECM \(scotland.gov.uk\)](#)

I'd be grateful if colleagues could complete this by 11am on Friday in order to allow Alison time to clear before submitting to PO.

Thanks,

REDACTED

From: REDACTED

Sent: 13 April 2023 17:23

To: REDACTED

Subject: RE: URGENT - For Response by 11am on Friday: FOR ACTION: High Level Transport Briefing

REDACTED

What do you think of the attached (I've suggested some deletions in red – but they are not track changes, just red highlights).

Happy to discuss when I'm online in the morning.

Thanks

REDACTED

From: REDACTED

Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 10:32 AM

To: REDACTED

Subject: RE: URGENT - For Response by 11am on Friday: FOR ACTION: High Level Transport Briefing

What do you think. I cut the OUT OF SCOPE section a bit to make the 3 pages.

From: REDACTED

Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 10:51 AM

To: REDACTED

Subject: FW: URGENT - For Response by 11am on Friday: FOR ACTION: High Level Transport Briefing

Couple of changes highlighted

Extract of draft contribution

Heathrow expansion

- The decision to allow Heathrow expansion was taken by the Westminster Government and Parliament. We have been clear that when the expansion of Heathrow Airport, the UK's only global hub airport, goes ahead then it must deliver benefits for all UK nations. The Memorandum of Understanding with Heathrow Airport, signed in 2016, ensures that Scotland will benefit from this major infrastructure project which will bring significant job creation and investment opportunities to Scotland.

Political Issues/Upcoming concerns

Alex Cole-Hamilton has said the new FM must withdraw support for expansion at Heathrow Airport saying that this expansion is 'not compatible' with climate goals.

Correspondence dated 12 April 2023

From: **REDACTED**

Sent: 12 April 2023 11:49

To: **REDACTED**

Transport Scotland Business Managers **REDACTED**

Subject: RE: Commission FMQ - Green transport active travel - due 9am Monday 17/04/23

DUE MONDAY 17th Apr 2023 9am

Hi All,

We have again been included in a commission for this week's FMQ. Please see eRDM link below for our brief titled 'Green transport incl. electric vehicles and active travel'. No further issues have been identified from FMQ team so far, however please consider any additions, updates or deletions as usual.

Click on the link to open 'FMQ Green transport incl. electric vehicles and active travel' -
<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A35333900/details>

Can I ask as usual, you review and amend the brief for latest developments, delete old issues and suggest new/emerging issues, adding supporting lines **by 9am Monday 17/04/23**, to allow it to be returned within the deadline.

Can I also request this to be copied to relevant colleagues as appropriate.

Nil returns welcome

Thanks

CCU

Climate Change Unit | Transport Scotland
Transport Strategy and Analysis Directorate

From: REDACTED
Sent: 12 April 2023 11:51
To: REDACTED
Subject: FW: Commission FMQ - Green transport active travel - due 9am Monday 17/04/23

Forwarding on in REDACTED absence.

From: REDACTED
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 5:31 PM
To: REDACTED
Subject: RE: Commission FMQ - Green transport active travel - due 9am Monday 17/04/23

REDACTED

Just one small change to the Heathrow section.

Regards

REDACTED

Extract of Contribution

ISSUE: 24 Mar: Alex Cole-Hamilton has said the new FM must withdraw support for expansion at Heathrow Airport saying this expansion is ‘not compatible’ with climate goals.

Top Lines

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- We have been clear that when the expansion of Heathrow Airport – the UK’s only global hub airport - goes ahead then it must deliver benefits for all UK nations
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Email Exchange 1. Period between 26 May and 2 June 2023

From: REDACTED
Sent: 26 May 2023 14:22
To: REDACTED >
Subject: Minister for Transport / REDACTED meeting - 6 June 2023

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H REDACTED

I hope you are well.

For the Minister for Transport's meeting with REDACTED on 6 June, would you be able to send across any particular agenda items that you wish to discuss?

Also, in addition to this, would you have a copy of the latest MoU tracker that you could share?

Thanks

REDACTED

Aviation Team
Transport Scotland

From: REDACTED
Sent: Friday, 2 June 2023, 09:52
To: REDACTED
Subject: RE: Minister for Transport / REDACTED meeting - 6 June 2023

Classification: Internal

Morning REDACTED,

I apologise for the delay; I have been out of the office. I have attached the MoU tracker and the original MoU.

The suggested agenda is as follows:

The agenda is as follows:

- Expansion - state of play
- SAF
- Scottish exports
- Domestic connectivity

Was there anything else the Minister wanted to discuss?

Best wishes,

REDACTED

REDACTED
REDACTED


Heathrow

Heathrow Airport

w: [heathrow.com](https://www.heathrow.com) t: twitter.com/heathrowairport

MoU Progress Tracker

MoU	Commitment	Progress	Notes
Connectivity (2R)	From January 2017, HAL is introducing a discount of £10 per passenger on departing domestic passenger charges to support affordable domestic routes.	Delivered	Discount was applied from 1st January 2017, REDACTED ED [REDACTED] This will last until at least 2037 as long as it is in the public interest.
Connectivity (2R)	HAL will continue to work with all airlines who may wish to operate the BA/BMI merger 'remedy slots' serving Aberdeen and Edinburgh.	Delivered	As a result of the above initial discount, Flybe joined the airport for the first time ever to operate the 'remedy slots' serving both Aberdeen and Edinburgh. Following the administration of Flybe, Loganair now lease these slots, using them to revive the Heathrow-Dundee link for the first time in 40 years, which also brings one-stop continuous connections to Heathrow for the Shetland Islands.
Connectivity (2R)	HAL will continue to enter into partnerships with individual Scottish airports to cooperate and jointly approach airlines to protect and improve their Heathrow routes both before and after expansion.	On-going (-)	HAL is committed to this and Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Glasgow Airports took part in our annual 'kids fly free' campaign with British Airways, which in previous years has seen REDACTED [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Kids Fly Free 2018 led to REDACTED more children travelling and REDACTED ED more adults travelling with kids compared to the prior period. HAL worked closely with Edinburgh and Aberdeen airports to support the introduction of the Flybe routes which brought competition and choice for passengers, and proved to be very successful connections prior to the airline's unfortunate administration. Connectivity to Aberdeen and Edinburgh, as well as Glasgow, remains very strong through British Airways routes from Heathrow. HAL also continues to work with HIAL to support the on-going success of the Inverness route. REDACTED [REDACTED]

			<p>REDACTED This was confirmed in November 2018 with effect from 31st March 2019, and has recovered to double daily following the pandemic.</p> <p>More recently, Heathrow has worked closely with Loganair with a route between Heathrow and Dundee for the first time in 40 years, offering double daily services for most of the week, with continuous services on to Kirkwall and Sumburgh twice a week.</p>
Marketing	HAL will work with SG to deliver a long-term marketing campaign worth £1.5 million.	Delivered	<p>Working with Visit Scotland, the full £1.5m marketing campaign has been delivered - their #ScotlandisNow campaign featuring the V&A Dundee went live across all of HAL's terminals and has now ended. John Holland-Kaye met with REDACTED of the V&A in 2018 to discuss this.</p> <p>HAL has gone further by dedicating one of its gate rooms in Terminal 3 to showcase the best of Scotland, in partnership with VisitScotland the GREAT campaign, for several years.</p>
Procurement	HAL will ensure that the SG is represented on Heathrow's Expansion Procurement Strategy Forum.	Delivered	<p>SG were represented and the Procurement Forum was meeting three times a year. Representatives were: REDACTED / REDACTED, Scottish Enterprise, and REDACTED SDI. In 2017, HAL also held the Procurement Forum in Edinburgh, which took place the day before Heathrow Business Summit Scotland.</p> <p>Due to the impact of the legal challenges and the Coronavirus pandemic this was paused. Following the decision in the Supreme Court which unanimously concluded that the airports national policy statement is lawful, Heathrow is now</p>

			<p>focussed on recovery, but is already conducting an internal review of the project.</p>
Procurement	<p>HAL will host a series of Business Summits in Scotland to engage the airport's Tier 1 suppliers with SMEs across Scotland</p>	Delivered	<p>HAL hosted Heathrow Business Summit Scotland in Edinburgh on 18th October 2017 in partnership with Scottish Chambers of Commerce. The event saw the highest turnout of our Tier 1 suppliers (20), and was attended by 45 SMEs.</p> <p>HAL and Scottish Chambers of Commerce took the Summit back to Glasgow on 10th September 2018 which saw more than 60 SMEs take part.</p> <p>HAL in partnership with SCC, FSB Scotland, Scottish Enterprise and Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce, held the fourth annual Heathrow Business Summit Scotland in Edinburgh on 10th October 2019, working in partnership with FSB Scotland and Scottish Enterprise and saw over 80 SMEs take part. We will look to resume our Business Summits post-COVID recovery.</p>
Supply Chain Hub	<p>HAL will establish a new Supply Chain Hub in Scotland. HAL will work with SG to identify the optimal location for the Hub. This investigation will consider in the first instance whether Prestwick Airport has the suitable air, sea and rail links.</p>	On-going (-)	<p>HAL launched an expressions of interest process in April 2017. A longlist of ten sites was published in November 2017, including Prestwick Airport, and all sites were visited by HAL during the first half of 2018. Promoters were invited to complete a pre-qualification questionnaire (PQQ) on the 26th of November, and had until the 25th of January 2019 to submit a response. On the 28th March 2019 the Logistics Hubs shortlist was announced, and of the 18 shortlisted sites, 4 were located in Scotland: Glasgow Prestwick Airport. Mossend International Rail Freight Park, Babcock Marine Rosyth and Forth Ports Rosyth. These parties were invited to enter a formal tender process in Autumn 2019.</p> <p>The final Scottish Logistics Hubs were due to be announced in early 2020 but following the legal challenge and the Coronavirus pandemic, the process has been paused. Following the decision in the Supreme Court which unanimously concluded that the airports national policy statement is lawful, Heathrow is now focussed on recovery, but is already conducting an internal review of the</p>

			project. The Logistics Hub relies on Heathrow receiving development consent for expansion.
Supply Chain Hub	HAL will target a minimum £100m value of material pre-assembled at the Supply Chain Hub, and a minimum of 100 direct employees at the peak of the construction phase	On-going (-)	<p>Engagement following the Invitation to Tender process for the Logistics Hubs will inform how we can best utilise our Logistics Hubs. In June 2019, Heathrow conducted its statutory DCO consult on its Preferred Masterplan for expansion.</p> <p>Following the legal challenge and the Coronavirus pandemic the process has also been paused [REDACTED] Following the decision in the Supreme Court which unanimously concluded that the airports national policy statement is lawful, Heathrow is now focussed on recovery, but is already conducting an internal review of the project. This relies on Heathrow receiving development consent for expansion.</p>
Supply Chain Hub	HAL will map out the procurement timetable for expansion, establishing a target spend: a) with contractors and sub-contractors based in Scotland, and b) of the total value of materials assembled at the Supply Chain Hub and employment profile.	On-going (-)	As above

Supply Chain Hub	HAL will procure a minimum of £200m construction-related spend in Scotland (including the £100m value of pre-assembled material as mentioned above) during the planning/construction phase.	On-going (-)	As above
Supply Chain Hub	HAL will explore whether the advertising of contracts through the Public Contracts Scotland portal is a viable option	On-going (-)	As above
Connectivity (3R)	HAL will work with UK Government and advocate that the early expansion flights (additional 25,000 ATMs) should be ring-fenced to provide additional connectivity for domestic flights and long-haul trade routes	On-going (-)	<p>Heathrow are developed plans for the early lifting of the ATM Cap (an additional 25,000 flights from 2022), and presented an initial approach in our June 2019 Airport Expansion Consultation (AEC) allowing us to gather and collate feedback from all stakeholders to balance the requirements of growth opportunities, resilience and environmental mitigation. We continue to work with and outline our plans and requirements to, the Department for Transport (DfT). On ring-fencing, we continue to make the case for new slots to be ringfenced for domestic use (see fuller response below).</p> <p>Following the legal challenge and the Coronavirus pandemic the process has also been paused [REDACTED] Following the decision in the Supreme Court which unanimously concluded that the airports national policy statement is lawful, Heathrow is now focussed on recovery, but is already conducting an internal review of the project. This relies on Heathrow receiving development consent for expansion.</p>

Connectivity (3R)	HAL will support the introduction of new domestic routes across Scotland and the UK through discounted pricing and a £10m Route Development Fund.	On-going (-)	<p>HAL has introduced discounted pricing for domestic passengers which currently stands at REDACTED. HAL has also committed to a £10m Route Development Fund dependent on development consent for expansion. HAL had asked the Regional and Business Airports Group (RABA) to propose how we best utilise this fund, and a draft report was presented to Heathrow at the end of 2019/beginning of 2020 but this work will have to be revised following the Coronavirus pandemic. We will then evaluate the findings and our response/approach post-COVID recovery following the internal review of the project which is on-going. The creation of the Route Development Fund relies on Heathrow receiving development consent for expansion.</p>
Connectivity (3R)	HAL will support use of Public Service Obligations (PSOs) and will work with SG and Dundee City Council to reassign the Dundee PSO route as Dundee-Heathrow once new capacity becomes available.	On-going (-)	<p>HAL supports the use of PSOs and made representations to the Transport Secretary urging the reassignment of the Dundee PSO, while working closely with SG, Dundee City Council and HIAL. This PSO has now been moved, with Loganair connecting Heathrow and Dundee for the first time in 40 years, along with one-stop continuous connections to Kirkwall and Sumburgh.</p> <p>HAL has engaged in discussions with the Department for Transport on PSO policy, and with regional stakeholders. DfT indicated its initial approach to expanding connectivity with Heathrow with its Aviation Strategy Green Paper in Dec 2018 – outlining potential changes to the PSO criteria widening the eligibility for PSO routes (i.e. measuring against connectivity through the Hub)</p> <p>Supporting PSO routes to Heathrow is a key part of HAL's 9-point plan to strengthening domestic connectivity. In April 2019 HAL welcomed its first PSO route between NQY and LHR and will continue to make the case for connecting other destinations across the UK to Heathrow, using PSOs where necessary.</p> <p>HAL remains committed to delivering on this commitment and we continue to engage with airlines.</p>

Connectivity (3R)	HAL and SG will work together to make and win the case for the UK Government to guarantee access to an expanded Heathrow for UK domestic routes. If the UK Government fail to guarantee access, HAL and SG will consider together alternative means to ensure the four airports currently connected retain connections to an expanded Heathrow	On-going (-)	<p>Heathrow is fully supportive of ring-fencing and has identified the route by which this can be done. We also launched our 9-point connectivity plan calling on the UK Government to abolish APD on domestic routes, investigate the use of PSOs at Heathrow, and ring-fence for improved domestic connectivity.</p> <p>The Cabinet Secretary also received assurances from the Transport Secretary during a meeting in 2018 that Scottish airports are to be guaranteed additional slots at an expanded Heathrow.</p> <p>As part of Heathrow's response to the DfT's Aviation Strategy Green Paper consultation, we made the case for ringfencing of slots to ensure connectivity. It should also be noted that Heathrow has opposed any attempts to introduce an auction-based approach for new slots - as raising the cost of a Heathrow slot dissuades new entrant airlines from seeking allocation in the first instance, and pushes out any attempts to launch new or thin domestic routes in favour of more established thick routes to recoup any upfront cost.</p>
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[Note: Link to MOU with Scottish Government provided in Covering Letter]

From: REDACTED
Sent: Friday, June 2, 2023 10:14 AM
To: REDACTED
Subject: Fwd: Minister for Transport / REDACTED meeting - 6 June 2023

REDACTED

Just in about Heathrow - think we have most covered.

REDACTED not sure what else we can include on exports as a separate agenda item?

REDACTED

From: REDACTED
Sent: Friday, June 2, 2023 1:05 PM
To: REDACTED
Subject: RE: Minister for Transport / REDACTED meeting - 6 June 2023

REDACTED

Here's some text for the exports point. I've asked exports team if they have any lines but if we don't get anything in time I still think this can go with what's there for this.

Thanks

REDACTED

Text for Scottish Export Section

ITEM 1	Scottish exports
ISSUE/ BACKGROUND	A lot of air freight is moved through Heathrow as the UK's only Global Hub airport, given the range of destinations flown and the frequency that these are served. In 2022, Heathrow Airport handled the highest volume of freight of any UK airport, handling 1,350,895 tonnes. This is approximately 60% of the overall UK total for reporting airports (2,214,890 tonnes). By comparison, during the same year, Edinburgh Airport, who handle the most freight of Scottish airports, handled 18,918 tonnes. These figures show the role that Heathrow play in exports by air.
WHAT THE STAKEHOLDER MAY SAY/ASK	Heathrow Airport is likely to outline the key role that they play in transporting Scottish exports.
KEY MESSAGE(S)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I recognise the important role that Heathrow plays in transporting Scottish exports. • Where using a direct service from Scotland is not possible, Heathrow provides extensive connectivity to a vast number of markets.
SUGGESTED QUESTION(S)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REDACTED
CONTACT POINT	REDACTED

Email Exchange 2 – Period between 26 May and 2 June 2023

From: REDACTED
Sent: 26 May 2023 14:22
To: REDACTED
Subject: Minister for Transport / REDACTED meeting - 6 June 2023

Hi REDACTED

I hope you are well.

For the Minister for Transport's meeting with REDACTED on 6 June, would you be able to send across any particular agenda items that you wish to discuss?

Also, in addition to this, would you have a copy of the latest MoU tracker that you could share?

Thanks

REDACTED

REDACTED

From: REDACTED
Sent: 02 June 2023 09:52
To: REDACTED >
Subject: RE: Minister for Transport / REDACTED meeting - 6 June 2023

Classification: Internal

Morning REDACTED

I apologise for the delay; I have been out of the office. I have attached the MoU tracker and the original MoU.

The suggested agenda is as follows:

The agenda is as follows:

- Expansion - state of play
- SAF
- Scottish exports
- Domestic connectivity

Was there anything else the Minister wanted to discuss?

Best wishes,

REDACTED

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Heathrow

Heathrow Airport

w: [heathrow.com](https://www.heathrow.com) t: twitter.com/heathrowairport

From: REDACTED

Sent: 02 June 2023 11:34

To: REDACTED

REDACTED

Subject: FW: Minister for Transport / REDACTED meeting - 6 June 2023

Hi REDACTED

Thanks for taking my call.

Below is the message I mentioned, and one of the agenda items Heathrow are looking to discuss is Scottish exports, therefore if you had any lines on Scottish exports in general, or indeed anything on Scottish exports going through Heathrow (i.e. maybe how big a role they play etc.) then that would be much appreciated.

Thanks

REDACTED

From: REDACTED

Sent: 02 June 2023 13:44

To: REDACTED

REDACTED >

Subject: RE: Minister for Transport / REDACTED meeting - 6 June 2023

Importance: High

Hi REDACTED – do you work with REDACTED?

From: REDACTED

Sent: Friday, June 2, 2023 2:19 PM

To: REDACTED

REDACTED

Cc: REDACTED >

Subject: RE: Minister for Transport / REDACTED meeting - 6 June 2023

Hi REDACTED and REDACTED,

Apologies for the delay in getting this to you, below are some lines on Scotland's exports and Heathrow airport, please let me know if you have any questions:

- Through our export growth strategy A Trading Nation our target is to increase Scottish exports to 25% of GDP by 2029.
- To achieve this aim it is important that we maximise the potential capacity of transport infrastructure in ensure quick and cost effective transportation of Scotland's growing exports internationally.
- In 2021 HMRC export statistics indicate London Heathrow exported £296 million of Scottish fish and seafood, around £278 million of Scottish beverages, and around £2.6 billion general industrial machinery.
- As a key transporter of Scottish exports we recognise Heathrow Airport's integral role in trade with the EU and beyond.
- We encourage the strengthening of relationships with Heathrow to explore how we can utilise the modes of transport available to maximise Scotland's export performance.

Best wishes,

REDACTED

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REDACTED

Correspondence dated 30 May 2023

From: REDACTED
Sent: 30 May 2023 09:13
To: REDACTED

Subject: AMFC CEO weekly updates - DUE COP Tomorrow

Hi all,

I hope you had a nice long weekend!

Can I kindly ask you to add any ongoing hot topics from your area for this week and next week to the following ERDM link as requested by CEO's office:

Click on the link to open 'Looking back looking forward - 29th May - 9th June' -
<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk/documents/A43882838/details>

Could you please ensure any updates on major issues **in bold** that DG NET Zero should be made aware of ahead the weekly ET meeting held every Monday morning

This Document will also be used for the weekly SMT call with the Minister therefore it is important that all information is concise, accurate with the most up to date information available

Apologies for the tight deadline but grateful if this can be completed by COP tomorrow so REDACTED can clear.

Any questions or queries let me know.

Thanks,
REDACTED

REDACTED

From: REDACTED
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2023 3:37 PM
To: REDACTED

Subject: RE: AMFC CEO weekly updates - DUE COP Tomorrow

Hi **REDACTED**

The document is locked therefore here's a few updates from myself. Grateful if these could be added to the final document.

OUT OF SCOPE

REDACTED

Week ahead

- Tues 6 June – Minister for Transport meeting Heathrow Airport.
 - **OUT OF SCOPE**
- REDACTED**

Thanks

REDACTED

Correspondence dated 31 May 2023

From: REDACTED

Sent: 31 May 2023 16:47

To: REDACTED

Subject: Heathrow Briefing.

REDACTED

I provide a link for the draft briefing so far for the Heathrow airport meeting. Click on the link to open 'Draft - Ministerial Briefing - REDACTED, Heathrow Airport and Minister for Transport - 6 June 2023' - <https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk/documents/A43920163/details>

Can you review and amend your sections as appropriate? REDACTED, I know you have still to provide an extra section on the Remedy slots part within the Connectivity section.

I have also provided an attachment to the last Heathrow meeting in Sept 2021 for context, in particular to do with Heathrow Expansion aspect for this. REDACTED, I wasn't sure of a query Heathrow might say on this since it is a bit unfamiliar to me so it's blank at the moment.)

For the briefings, we're still trying to get our item points covered in one page, if possible.

Thanks

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From: REDACTED

Sent: 01 June 2023 15:51

To: REDACTED

Subject: RE: Heathrow Briefing.

REDACTED

I've made a number of changes to this (track changes is still on but may be hidden so just check that).

I wonder if this is one [REDACTED] should see?

[REDACTED], for support, what about you and me support (I'll take the note). The last few conversations have been heavily on sustainability / SAF, but I suspect this one will have a bit about connectivity. If we put it down as you supporting and me taking the note, then that means both of us are on to chip in if required?

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 June 2023 16:02
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Heathrow Briefing.

Happy to support as suggested – [REDACTED] can you send me the invitation please?

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 June 2023 16:07
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Heathrow Briefing.

I've sent you my invite so you would have access to the link for the meeting. Would you want it more formalised and get PO to send you an invite email for you to 'Accept' the invitation for the meeting?

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 1, 2023 4:09 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Heathrow Briefing.

I just accepted your invite – presume that's OK. Ta

Draft of Briefing for June meeting. Meeting Postponed

MEETING BETWEEN MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT and HEATHROW AIRPORT	
TIMING	<p>Tuesday 6 June 2023 16:00 to 16:30</p> <p>Teams Meeting call</p>
ATTENDEES	<p>REDACTED, Heathrow Airport</p> <p>Biography in Annex A</p> <p>Official Support REDACTED REDACTED</p>
AGENDA	<p>Topics for Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expansion – State of Play• SAF (Covered within Sustainability item section)• Scottish exports• Domestic Connectivity (Covered across separate item sections titled 'Connectivity with Heathrow' and 'Heathrow Slots')
YOUR MAIN OBJECTIVE	<p>This is an opportunity for the Minister to meet REDACTED of Heathrow Airport and discuss the connectivity that Heathrow provides for Scotland. Other topics for discussion include post-covid recovery, decarbonisation, sustainable aviation fuels (SAF), Heathrow's plans for expansion and the performance of routes between Heathrow and Scotland.</p> <p>For awareness, this meeting was arranged following a letter from REDACTED congratulating Mr Yousaf on his election as FM. REDACTED invited the FM to a roundtable in Scotland with Heathrow's key Scottish industry partners and exporters. However, our response instead suggested a one to one meeting with Heathrow Airport.</p>

ITEM 1	Heathrow Expansion
ISSUE/ BACKGROUND	<p>The decision to allow Heathrow expansion was taken by the Westminster Government and Parliament. We have been clear that when the expansion of Heathrow Airport, the UK's only global hub airport, goes ahead it must deliver benefits for all UK nations. In their MoU tracker, Heathrow indicate that the expansion project was paused following legal challenge and the pandemic, however following the decision in the Supreme Court which concluded that the airports national policy statement is lawful, Heathrow is now focussed on recovery, but is conducting an internal review of the project.</p> <p>The Scottish Government signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Heathrow Airport in October 2016, which ensures that Scotland will benefit from a project that will bring significant job creation and investment opportunities to Scotland. The MoU committed Heathrow to reducing airport charges for domestic services, and introducing a regional route development fund which would incentivise new routes from Scotland. This created competition on the Edinburgh and Aberdeen-Heathrow routes (before flyBe's collapse) and helped restore the Inverness-Heathrow route boosting the economy of the Highlands. The MoU commits Heathrow to create a logistics hub in Scotland during constructions and 4 Scottish sites (including Prestwick Airport) were in contention. Heathrow estimate that up to 16,000 jobs will come to Scotland from expansion.</p> <p>The signed MoU from 2016, as well as Heathrow Airport's MoU progress tracker documents have been provided as separate attachments to the briefing. Please note the tracker is commercially sensitive.</p> <p>Our ask of the UK Government has been for a proportional share of the new capacity to ensure domestic connectivity to the UK's only global hub is enhanced.</p> <p>In March, Alex Cole-Hamilton issued a press release that the new FM must withdraw support for expansion at Heathrow Airport as this expansion is 'not compatible' with climate goals.</p>
WHAT THE STAKEHOLDER MAY SAY/ASK	Heathrow may ask about our support for Heathrow expansion.
KEY MESSAGE(S)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The decision to allow Heathrow expansion was taken by the Westminster Government and Parliament. • We have been clear that when the expansion of Heathrow Airport – the UK's only global hub airport - goes ahead it must deliver benefits for all UK nations • We know the impact aviation has on emissions and that transport is currently one of the biggest contributors to carbon emissions. Every sector and industry needs to do more to cut its emissions and transport and aviation are no exception. • But we will also always need people, goods and services to move in Scotland, across the UK and, of course, internationally. • We need to have the right mix of direct air routes and good connectivity to global hubs like Heathrow, Amsterdam and Dubai.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In that context, it is essential that an expanded Heathrow provides good links from Inverness, Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Glasgow.
SUGGESTED QUESTION(S)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REDACTED
CONTACT POINT	REDACTED

ITEM 2	Sustainability
ISSUE/ BACKGROUND	<p>UK aviation is committed to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050.</p> <p>The UKG's aviation strategy ('Jet Zero') commits to introducing a SAF mandate and having at least five commercial-scale UK SAF plants under construction by 2025. Jet Zero also sets a target for domestic flights to reach net zero by 2040 and an 'aspiration' for zero emission routes connecting different parts of the UK by 2030. The umbrella group Sustainable Aviation recently updated its net zero route map, which also sets out various actions on SAF.</p> <p>Heathrow believes that the development and production of SAF is crucial to supporting decarbonisation for aviation. The airport intends to triple its SAF usage and has called for UK government support to make SAF more commercially viable. SAF is likely to be needed at least until zero emission electric and hydrogen aircraft become viable.</p>
WHAT THE STAKEHOLDER MAY SAY/ASK	What action is the Scottish Government considering to increase SAF production and use within Scotland, as opposed to relying on imports?
KEY MESSAGE(S)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAF could significantly reduce emissions from international aviation and we welcome the commitments from industry and governments around the world to increase the use of SAF. • Powers to introduce a SAF mandate and certification are reserved to the UK Government. But we are considering how to encourage airlines in Scotland to use SAF as part of our work to develop an aviation strategy. • Scottish Enterprise will very shortly publish [perhaps before the meeting] a report mapping the SAF production opportunities in Scotland, which will help to inform possible Scottish Government activity. • In developing our aviation strategy we will consider how we can work with others to address the key challenge of increasing our connectivity while reducing emissions.
SUGGESTED QUESTION(S)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REDACTED
CONTACT POINT	REDACTED

ITEM 3	Scottish exports
ISSUE/ BACKGROUND	A lot of air freight is moved through Heathrow as the UK's only Global Hub airport, given the range of destinations flown and the frequency that these are served. In 2022, Heathrow Airport handled the highest volume of freight of any UK airport, handling 1,350,895 tonnes. This is approximately 60% of the overall UK total for reporting airports (2,214,890 tonnes). By comparison, during the same year, Edinburgh Airport, who handle the most freight of Scottish airports, handled 18,918 tonnes. These figures show the role that Heathrow play in exports by air.
WHAT THE STAKEHOLDER MAY SAY/ASK	Heathrow Airport is likely to outline the key role that they play in transporting Scottish exports.
KEY MESSAGE(S)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • Where using a direct service from Scotland is not possible, Heathrow provides extensive connectivity to a vast number of markets. • Through our export growth strategy A Trading Nation our target is to increase Scottish exports to 25% of GDP by 2029. • To achieve this aim it is important that we maximise the potential capacity of transport infrastructure to ensure quick and cost effective transportation of Scotland's growing exports internationally. • In 2021 HMRC export statistics indicate London Heathrow exported £296 million of Scottish fish and seafood, around £278 million of Scottish beverages, and around £2.6 billion general industrial machinery. • As a key transporter of Scottish exports we recognise Heathrow Airport's integral role in trade with the EU and beyond. • We encourage the strengthening of relationships with Heathrow to explore how we can utilise the modes of transport available to maximise Scotland's export performance.
SUGGESTED QUESTION(S)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REDACTED
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ITEM 4	Connectivity with Heathrow																																																												
ISSUE/ BACKGROUND	<p>Being the only hub airport in the UK, Heathrow provides important connections for Scotland. Sample connectivity between Scotland and Heathrow for week beginning 10 July 2023 is provided in the below table.</p> <table><tr><th>Routes</th><th>Airline</th><th>Mon</th><th>Tue</th><th>Wed</th><th>Thr</th><th>Fri</th><th>Sat</th><th>Sun</th><th>Total</th></tr><tr><td>EDI - LHR</td><td>BA</td><td>10</td><td>12</td><td>12</td><td>12</td><td>11</td><td>6</td><td>11</td><td>76</td></tr><tr><td>GLA - LHR</td><td>BA</td><td>10</td><td>9</td><td>9</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>58</td></tr><tr><td>ABZ - LHR</td><td>BA</td><td>4</td><td>6</td><td>6</td><td>6</td><td>6</td><td>4</td><td>4</td><td>36</td></tr><tr><td>INV – LHR</td><td>BA</td><td>2</td><td>2</td><td>2</td><td>2</td><td>2</td><td>2</td><td>2</td><td>14</td></tr><tr><td>DND - LHR</td><td>Loganair</td><td>2</td><td>2</td><td>2</td><td>2</td><td>2</td><td>0</td><td>1</td><td>11</td></tr></table> <p>Loganair recently moved their Dundee – London City service to Heathrow.</p>	Routes	Airline	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat	Sun	Total	EDI - LHR	BA	10	12	12	12	11	6	11	76	GLA - LHR	BA	10	9	9	8	9	6	7	58	ABZ - LHR	BA	4	6	6	6	6	4	4	36	INV – LHR	BA	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	14	DND - LHR	Loganair	2	2	2	2	2	0	1	11
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WHAT THE STAKEHOLDER MAY SAY/ASK	<p>In their letter, Heathrow said they were looking forward to strengthening their links with Scottish airports and continuing to provide vital connections. They serve over 200 destinations, over 80 airlines and across 80 countries, and these connections bring nearly 600,000 inbound passengers to Scotland, with visitors spending around £200 million in Scotland per annum. Their letter also said that in 2019 business passengers flying to and from Scotland via Heathrow generated more than £570m in trade and FDI for Scotland.</p>																																																												
KEY MESSAGE(S)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Our work to restore and grow our international connectivity relies on strong point to point connections, as well as frequent connections to global hubs, including Heathrow.• The Scottish Government has always recognised the importance of Scotland's international connectivity, and we are committed to working with Scotland's airports to help restore and grow our international connectivity, while not returning to previous levels of emissions.• Our aim is for Scotland to be as well connected globally as peer nations and regions.• Transport Scotland, VisitScotland and Scottish Development International work in partnership to help Scotland's airports, to restore previous routes and secure new routes that are essential for inbound tourism, business connectivity and the economy as a whole.																																																												
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ITEM 5	Heathrow slots
ISSUE/ BACKGROUND	<p>Heathrow recently wrote to the UK Government asking for a review of the 'remedy slots' process, recently utilised by Flybe. Heathrow wants to repurpose them for long-term, domestic routes and connections at Heathrow.</p> <p>The Heathrow remedy slots were slots that the European Commission protected for Scotland – Heathrow flights following the IAG purchase of BMI in 2012 (there were 4 per day to Edinburgh and 3 per day to Aberdeen).</p> <p>REDACTED</p> <p>Heathrow are fully supportive of ringfencing slots for domestic connectivity.</p>
WHAT THE STAKEHOLDER MAY SAY/ASK	Heathrow has said they would welcome Scottish Government support on their ask of the UKG to review the remedy slot process.
KEY MESSAGE(S)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We recognise the importance of frequent connections to global hubs, including Heathrow, in restoring and growing our international connectivity.
SUGGESTED QUESTION(S)	<p>REDACTED</p> <p>RACK COMMENT S REDAC ED</p> <p>RACK COMMENT</p>
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Connectivity with HeathrowDundee – Heathrow

Dundee's air service to London City has been moved to Heathrow Airport with effect from 6 May – the Scottish Government part-funds this PSO. Loganair has described this as a "gamechanger" for regional connectivity, as the move to Heathrow Airport brings a range of global flight connections to customers who can also benefit from Loganair's multiple interline and codeshare agreements. This includes a long-standing relationship with British Airways. This route also connects Sumburgh and Kirkwall with Heathrow via Dundee.

Aviation connectivity event

Heathrow work alongside the Scottish Chambers of Commerce (SCC) and the Scottish Council for Development and Industry (SCDI) and were welcoming senior leaders from Scotland, in partnership with the SCC, to a discussion on the importance of aviation to connectivity, trade, and investment, in May.

Heathrow passenger numbers

61.6 million passengers used Heathrow in 2022, which is around 76% of 2019 levels. Passenger growth at Heathrow continues to be supported by larger, fuller aircraft as the recovery from Covid continues.

Email Diary update. Postponement of meeting. Dated 2 June 2023

-----Original Appointment-----

From: REDACTED On Behalf Of Minister for Transport

Sent: 02 June 2023 15:01

To: Stewart K (Kevin), MSP; Leanne Dobson; REDACTED

Cc: REDACTED

Subject: HOLD 14:30 - 15:00 Meeting: Heathrow Airport

When: 14 June 2023 14:30-15:00 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Moving to 14/06, pending confirmation from stakeholders – REDACTED 02/06

Micase: 202300351767

From: REDACTED

Sent: Friday, June 23, 2023 11:09 AM

To: REDACTED

Subject: ACTION REQUIRED BY COP TUESDAY - MfT meeting with Heathrow Airport

Hi REDACTED

Ms Hyslop has an open diary case to meet with Heathrow Airport relating to MiCase 202300351767. The original meeting was scheduled with Mr Stewart on 06 June.

PO colleagues have asked: "The Minister would be grateful for some brief information and a recommendation to determine whether to reschedule."

To assist, can you provide a **brief few lines summary** of what the meeting is intended to cover.

Can you also advise if you recommend the Minister should still meet and the priority of this meeting:

1. MfT should meet as soon as practicably possible
2. MfT should meet with post-recess
3. No longer required OR await a further approach/new diary case
4. Any other specific advice on timing

Can you come back to me by COP on Tuesday 27 June, please.

Any questions, please let me know.

Thanks, REDACTED

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From: REDACTED >

Sent: Friday, June 23, 2023 11:23 AM

To: REDACTED

Subject: RE: ACTION REQUIRED BY COP TUESDAY - MfT meeting with Heathrow Airport

REDACTED

Just to get your thoughts on the below with regards to the Heathrow meeting that was postponed then cancelled in terms of if we should still meet and the priority of the meeting.

Thanks

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From: REDACTED

Sent: Friday, June 23, 2023 11:51 AM

To: REDACTED

Subject: RE: ACTION REQUIRED BY COP TUESDAY - MfT meeting with Heathrow Airport

Hi

Unless their original request was for an urgent meeting – and I can't think it would be – I think it should be: MfT should meet with post-recess

Correspondence dated 6 June 2023

From: REDACTED
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 12:33 PM
To: REDACTED
Subject: Mft

Minister has resigned.

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From: REDACTED
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 12:59 PM
To: REDACTED
Subject: RE: Mft

REDACTED

Just thinking, does this mean all ministerial engagements for the time being (thinking Heathrow and OUT OF SCOPE will be postponed for now? Both are due to take place next week. Heathrow had changed to a placeholder awaiting stakeholder confirmation of new time, but OUT OF SCOPE

Thanks

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From: REDACTED
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 1:06 PM
To: REDACTED
Subject: RE: Mft

Don't know yet. Will need to wait for PO to confirm what appointments in new Min's diary will carry over. (last time all routine meetings were cancelled and re-arranged though)

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Extract of email exchange 1 - Dated 20 June 2023

From: REDACTED On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 9:11 AM
To: REDACTED >; Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition REDACTED

REDACTED

Cc: REDACTED

Kersti Berge REDACTED

; DG Net Zero REDACTED

; Simon Fuller

>; Gary Gillespie

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; Kathy Johnston REDACTED

; Gavin Corbett

>; Harry Huyton REDACTED

>; Colin McAllister

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Subject: RE: [OFF:SEN:] Immediate: Statement on Scottish greenhouse gas emissions statistics for 2021 - further advice

Hi REDACTED

Thanks for this.

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Short notes / top lines

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Lines on heathrow expansion and **OUT OF SCOPE**

Can this be provided in separate to the main pack as the Cab Sec will have amended the printed copy we have given her.

Thanks

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From: **REDACTED** >

Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 9:25 AM

To: **REDACTED**

Cc: **REDACTED**

Subject: FW: [OFF:SEN:] Immediate: Statement on Scottish greenhouse gas emissions statistics for 2021 - further advice

Importance: High

See below

REDACTED – Can you provide the lines on Heathrow Expansion need ASAP as have to put up by 1100. **OUT OF SCOPE**

. Thanks **REDACTED**

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From: **REDACTED** >

Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 9:31 AM

To: **REDACTED** >

Subject: FW: [OFF:SEN:] Immediate: Statement on Scottish greenhouse gas emissions statistics for 2021 - further advice

Importance: High

Morning **REDACTED**

Please send me that Heathrow briefing you were working on recently. ta

Regards, [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 9:50 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: [OFF:SEN:] Immediate: Statement on Scottish greenhouse gas emissions statistics for 2021 - further advice

[REDACTED]

Here's the link. This was as far as we got before we stood down, so to speak, when the meeting was postponed.

Click on the link to open 'Draft - Ministerial Briefing - [REDACTED] Heathrow Airport and Minister for Transport - 6 June 2023' -

<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk/documents/A43920163/details>

Extract of email exchange 2. Period 20th June

From: REDACTED On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 9:11 AM
To: REDACTED >; Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition
Leanne Dobson REDACTED

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; DG Net Zero REDACTED

; Simon Fuller

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>; Gary Gillespie

; Kathy Johnston REDACTED

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>; Harry Huyton REDACTED

; Gavin Corbett

>; Colin McAllister

Subject: RE: [OFF:SEN:] Immediate: Statement on Scottish greenhouse gas emissions statistics for 2021 - further advice

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Importance: High

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REDACTED

From: **REDACTED**

Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 9:40 AM

To: **REDACTED**

Cc: **REDACTED**

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Subject: RE: [OFF:SEN:] Immediate: Statement on Scottish greenhouse gas emissions statistics for 2021 - further advice

Adding [REDACTED] who will have more recent FMQ note on LHR

[REDACTED]



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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 10:30 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: [OFF:SEN:] Immediate: Statement on Scottish greenhouse gas emissions statistics for 2021 - further advice

I propose the following:

Top Lines

- The decision to allow Heathrow expansion was taken by the Westminster Government and Parliament.
- We have been clear that when the expansion of Heathrow Airport – the UK's only global hub airport - goes ahead it must deliver benefits for all UK nations
- Our Memorandum of Understanding with Heathrow Airport ensures that Scotland will benefit from this major infrastructure project which will bring significant job creation and investment opportunities to Scotland.
- It has already delivered benefits including the reinstatement of the Inverness-Heathrow link.
- The Scottish Government is committed to working with Scotland's airports to help restore and grow our international connectivity, while not returning to previous levels of emissions. Our aim is for Scotland to be as well connected globally as peer nations and regions.

- Sustainable aviation fuels (SAF) and hydrogen/electric aircraft have the potential to significantly reduce aviation emissions in the future whilst still allowing us to enjoy the social and economic benefits that aviation brings. This includes the economic benefits of being connected to global hubs like Amsterdam and Heathrow.

From: REDACTED

Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 10:32 AM

To: REDACTED

REDACTED

Subject: RE: [OFF:SEN:] Immediate: Statement on Scottish greenhouse gas emissions statistics for 2021 - further advice

Anything more nuanced to add from a climate change angle?

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From: REDACTED

Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 10:33 AM

To: REDACTED

Cc: REDACTED

Subject: RE: [OFF:SEN:] Immediate: Statement on Scottish greenhouse gas emissions statistics for 2021 - further advice

- UK aviation is committed to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050. This will include taking measures to increase the development and production of sustainable aviation fuel (SAF).

- Heathrow airport intends to triple its SAF usage and has called for UK government support to make SAF more commercially viable.
- **OUT OF SCOPE**

From: **REDACTED** >

Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 10:35 AM

To: **REDACTED**

REDACTED

Subject: RE: [OFF:SEN:] Immediate: Statement on Scottish greenhouse gas emissions statistics for 2021 - further advice

• Update to: **OUT OF SCOPE**

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Extract of email 20th June

From: REDACTED

Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 10:09 AM

To: REDACTED

Subject: FW: FMQs 30th March - transport

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Here's the latest Heathrow FMQ I can find (from March this year) – looking at other emails it appears we made a small change when it was included in a wider green FMQ but I can't see what that was as the eRDM link doesn't have it now.

I've also suggested an addition to this FMQ in track changes too.

Hope this helps.

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FMQ provided on 20 June

ISSUE: 24 Mar: Alex Cole-Hamilton has said the new FM must withdraw support for expansion at Heathrow Airport as he says this expansion is 'not compatible' with climate goals.

- The decision to allow Heathrow expansion was taken by the Westminster Government and Parliament.
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- Sustainable aviation fuels (SAF) and hydrogen/electric aircraft have the potential to significantly reduce aviation emissions in the future whilst still allowing us to enjoy the social and economic benefits that aviation brings. This includes the economic benefits of being connected to global hubs like Amsterdam and Heathrow.

Scotland has shown global leadership by being the first country to include international aviation and shipping emissions in its statutory climate targets.

- Aviation is a global industry and continued international collaboration is vital to achieving emissions reductions and meeting our ambitious climate change targets.
- Sustainable aviation fuels (SAF) could significantly reduce emissions and we welcome the commitments from industry and governments around the world to increase the use of SAF.
- While powers to introduce a SAF mandate and certification are reserved to the UK Government, we are considering how the Scottish Government might encourage airlines to use SAF as part of our work to develop an aviation strategy.
- Our ownership of Highlands and Islands Airports Ltd (HIAL) creates a unique opportunity for Scotland to lead the charge to zero emission aviation.
- HIAL is jointly leading on the Orkney-based Sustainable Aviation Test Environment (SATE) project, which is demonstrating the potential for new types of aircraft, including for Scottish routes.
- A hybrid-electric aircraft has already flown from Wick to Kirkwall airport as part of SATE. This marks an important first step towards achieving

our commitment to work to decarbonise scheduled flights within Scotland by 2040.

Good international connectivity is key to achieving sustainable economic growth in Scotland. It enables flows of trade, investment, labour, knowledge and tourism visitors, which benefits Scotland's economy as a whole.

- The Scottish Government is committed to working with Scotland's airports to help restore and grow our international connectivity, while not returning to previous levels of emissions.