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Dear Robert,

As you are aware, the Transport Committee has taken a close interest in the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the aviation sector. We welcome the engagement we have held with the Department on this matter in recent months.

Currently, airside tax-free sales of non-excise goods are permitted under an extra-statutory concession for those travelling from the UK to non-EU countries. The Government announced in a [Written Ministerial Statement](#) on 11 September that it would not extend tax-free sales to passengers travelling to the EU and would instead withdraw tax-free sales across the UK for all passengers from 1 January 2021. This measure has received criticism from the aviation industry, particularly from airports.

The Committee would be grateful if you could provide us with the economic impact analysis carried out by the Government in respect of this tax policy change. It would be helpful to receive this by **Monday 14 December**.

I am copying this letter to Kemi Badenoch MP, Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury.

Yours sincerely,

Huw Merriman MP
Chair of the Transport Committee