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Dear Huw

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide evidence to the Committee on 3 March and for the very timely publication of the subsequent Interim report.

Further to my letter on 3 March raising the issue of Airspace funding, I welcome the Government's announcement this week as well as the commitment to a review into domestic Air Passenger Duty. However, as I'm sure you're aware, the sector still requires the support from Government to go much further.

The sector is completely reliant on the Government delivering on its current commitments for restart and recovery. This is why I am grateful that the Committee has carefully considered the evidence provided by myself and other industry witnesses on 3 March and formally outlined the importance of our concerns to the Government.

In particular I am pleased to see the Committee emphasising the importance of the 17 May restart date, the publication of the Global Travel Taskforce's report on 12 April and the publication of a long-term strategy later in 2021. The report correctly highlights the need for certainty within the aviation industry and I am hopeful that we will be kept up to date with any further developments.

If it would be of assistance, I would be delighted to update you again once we have seen how the Government proposes to take forward the Taskforce's recommendations for restarting international travel.

Yours sincerely

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Tim Hawkins
Chief of Staff, MAG