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Mark Isherwood MS
Chair
Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee
Welsh Parliament
Cardiff Bay
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Dear Mr Isherwood,

Wizz Air at Cardiff Airport

You will have seen media reports regarding the unfortunate decision by Wizz Air to close its base at Cardiff Airport from the end of January this year.

We understand that Wizz Air's decision was driven by the general macro-economic climate and challenging state of the commercial aviation market, especially for lower-cost carriers. Many airlines have been scaling back their routes and services across Europe over the past year. We believe that the airline has been complimentary about the service and operation at Cardiff, which makes its decision all the more disappointing.

The Airport executive and board, alongside the airport's holding company and WG colleagues, are starting to work through the implications of Wizz Air's withdrawal.

Given your Committee's ongoing interest in the Airport, I will write to you again in due course once we have a fuller understanding of the impacts.

Yours sincerely,

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