

David T. C. Davies MP

Welsh Affairs Committee

House of Commons

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Dear David,

DEVOLUTION OF AIR PASSENGER DUTY TO WALES INQUIRY

I am writing on behalf of the Finance Committee of the National Assembly for Wales with regards to your current inquiry into the Devolution of Air Passenger Duty (APD). We discussed the inquiry at our meeting on 17 October, and as a cross party group of Assembly Members we are keen to ensure that our view is represented to your inquiry. Devolving APD is the final recommendation from the Silk Commission yet to be fulfilled by the UK Government and as a Committee we strongly support the devolution.

Whilst we have not undertaken any specific work into the devolution of APD, we have discussed that there is compelling evidence to warrant the devolution of APD to Wales.

Additionally, APD is fully devolved to Scotland, and to Northern Ireland in respect of direct long haul flights. The devolution of APD is the next step in fiscal devolution for Wales and is an important development to “remove unjustifiable constraints on



Wales' ability to promote itself abroad and which hinder growth in the aviation sector and wider economy".¹

We would be interested in the findings of the Welsh Affairs Committee and look forward to your final report.

Yours sincerely,



Llyr Gruffydd AM

Temporary Chair of the Finance Committee

¹ <https://gov.wales/newsroom/firstminister/2017/171119-further-calls-for-devolution-of-air-passenger-duty-to-wales/?lang=en>

