

## Media Comment

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### Comment on Budget Submission by CBI

Simon Buck, Chief Executive of the British Air Transport Association (BATA), responding to the CBI's Budget 2011 submission, which argues that "further hikes in APD must not take place", said:

"It is heartening to see recognition from the CBI of the importance of aviation to Britain's economy."

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#### Notes to Editors

- BATA is the trade body for UK-registered airlines, with members representing all sectors of the industry.
- In 2009, BATA members employed 76,000 people, operated four-fifths of the UK commercial aircraft fleet and were responsible for some 93% of UK airline output, carrying 121 million passengers and 1 million tonnes of cargo.
- The eleven BATA member airlines are: Air Southwest, bmi, British Airways, DHL, easyJet, flybe, Jet2.com, Monarch, Thomas Cook, Thomson Airways and Virgin Atlantic.
- The CBI Budget Submission, published on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2011, can be found at [www.cbi.org.uk](http://www.cbi.org.uk)

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