



## Media Release

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Comment from Roger Wiltshire, Secretary General of the British Air Transport Association in response to today's speech by the Home Secretary regarding ID Cards:

"We are glad that at last Ministers seem to be accepting that this is a difficult project for them to implement.

We will be very interested to see if the trials for workers at Manchester and London City airports generate any improvements or benefits.

I think it is safe to say that until the verdict is in, the UK airline industry will continue to view this initiative as unnecessary and superfluous. To many it appears to be little more than a dubious PR initiative by the Government and one that fails to offer any real benefits. As such we will not be rushing to volunteer for it."

**ENDS**

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### **Notes to Editors**

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