



HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

18th August 2023

Dear Constance,

RE: PRIVATE JETS

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of your concerns about private jets. I have read your comments with interest.

The UK has set a legally binding target to reach net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 and aviation must play its part. The Government's ambition is that UK domestic aviation will be net-zero by 2040. This target is supplemented by a further ambition that net-zero aviation emissions will be possible by 2050.

Technical consultation and analysis as part of the Government's 'Jet Zero' programme showed that the aviation sector can achieve net-zero without the need for Government intervention to limit aviation growth. The Government's stated aim is to preserve the ability for people to fly, whilst supporting consumers to make sustainable aviation travel choices. To begin delivering this vision, the Government is funding a British-led consortium as it conducts the first ever net-zero transatlantic flight.

In terms of taxation, as part of a consultation on aviation tax reform between March and June 2021, the Government sought views on whether a frequent flyer levy could replace Air Passenger Duty (APD) as the principal tax on the aviation sector.

Following the consultation, having considered all views received carefully, the Government published a response which outlined that it was minded to retain APD as the principal tax on the aviation sector, noting in particular concerns about the possible administrative complexity and data processing, handling and privacy of a frequent flyer levy.

You can read more about the consultation here:

www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-aviation-tax-reform.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Tom Pursglove', with a horizontal line underneath.

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