



## **Scrapping of air tax on children means a fairer deal for families**

**03 December 2014** - Today's Autumn Statement announcement by the Chancellor that Air Passenger Duty (APD) will be scrapped for children under 12 years, with an extension to 16 years the following year, has been welcomed as the next stage in achieving a fairer tax on flying by the Board of Airline Representatives (BAR UK) representing 74 airlines.

BAR UK chief executive, Dale Keller, said "We welcome the Chancellor's announcement which will mean a fairer deal for families. This is the second reform to APD announced this year and demonstrates the growing awareness within Government that the world's highest air tax needs a severe pruning in order to boost the UK's global competitiveness and create more jobs. Scrapping APD for children not only benefits UK families but also stimulates growth in inbound tourism and the efforts of the A Fair Tax on Flying campaign is to be applauded."

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### **Notes to Editors**

The Board of Airline Representatives in the UK (BAR UK) presents the widest international voice of the airline industry; representing 74 scheduled airlines in the UK in their dealings with government, government departments, regulators and airport operators.

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