



Report by the Technical Adviser

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Slot Allocation at Heathrow Airport	

1. As members will be aware, the availability of an allocation of runway slots is the key to airlines being able to operate from Heathrow Airport as well as determining the times at which they are able to operate flights.
2. The question of availability of slots for airlines who wish to operate Trans-Atlantic flights to the USA as a result of the recent EU-US Air Transport Agreement has raised new interest in their availability and the ways in which they can be acquired.
3. It had been arranged for James Cole, Director of Coordination at Airport Coordination Limited, to talk to the Committee about these matters at the Committee meeting on May 23rd but, unfortunately, he has been committed to an international meeting to be held at the same time and has had to cancel. He does expect to meet with the HACC at its next meeting on July 25.
4. A very useful account of an interview with him on the subject was published on April 13 and a copy is annexed for Members information.

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