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Strategic Review of the Civil Aviation Authority	

1. The House of Commons Transport Committee held an Inquiry into the work of the CAA in 2006 and it's report commented that the Authority operated well against its remit but recommended that a review of the organisation be carried out because of developments in the UK aviation industry.
2. Developments in the industry have intensified since to a degree which the Transport Committee could not have envisaged at the time of it's Inquiry.
3. The Government accepted the recommendation in March 2007 and has now announced that the strategic review of the UK's civil aviation regulator, the Civil Aviation Authority, will be led by Sir Joseph Pilling.
4. The Review will consider the structure, scope and organisation of the CAA with a view to ensuring that the UK's arrangements for aviation regulation and policy making are fit for purpose and able to meet current and future challenges. The review will take account of the Eddington Transport Study, the Stern Report, best practice in corporate governance and the regulatory framework which now exists in the EU with the creation of the European Aviation Safety Agency and Single European Sky.
5. Sir Joseph will be seeking the views of the aviation industry and other stakeholders and the review is expected to conclude in 2008.
6. The Department's announcement emphasises that the review is complementary to (but separate from) the Competition Commission's Inquiry into BAA, which may lead to changes in CAA's specific powers for the economic regulation of airports.