



Agenda Item:	Reference: HACC.507
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The Future of BAA. An Inquiry by the House of Commons Transport Committee	

Report by the Technical Adviser

1. The House of Commons Transport Committee announced on October 17 2007 that it had decided to hold an Inquiry into the future of BAA and invited submissions of evidence to it by Friday 9 November. It is not unusual for the Committee to work on such a short time scale.
2. Given the short time scale available and, recognising some quite disparate views amongst the membership of the Committee on the subject, it was not possible to put together a meaningful response from the Committee in the time available,
3. The Transport Committee held an evidence session on Wednesday 21 November (which I attended) and it questioned :
  - the Chief Executive and the Inquiry Director of the Competition Commission
  - Group Director Economic Regulation and Head Airport Price Controls
  - the National Officer and Civil Air Transport Researcher, Unite-the Union
  - the Aviation Group Secretary, Public and Commercial Services Union

Copies of their written evidence submitted to the Committee are available from the Secretariat. The record of the evidence session will not be available until the Committee publishes its report.

4. Following the evidence session, some useful contacts were made with those appearing at it. The Chairman and Clerk of the Committee were anxious to obtain details of complaints made about services at Heathrow Airport and asked the Air Transport Users Council and the HACC to supply them with copies of the complaints they receive from passengers.