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Secretary of State for Transport

Via Email: DFT.Ministers@dft.gov.uk

Date: 9 April 2025

Dear Secretary of State

CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY (CAA) PRIORITIES FOR 2025/26

Thank you for your letter of 31 March 2025 setting out your priorities for the CAA for 2025/26. I am grateful for the clarity you have provided, and the CAA is committed to playing our full role in delivering against your priorities, including our role in contributing to the Government's key mission to drive UK economic growth and investment. I can assure you that the activities you have set out are fully integrated into our overall strategy, Board priorities and annual business plan, sitting alongside, of course, our vital responsibilities in relation to aerospace safety, security and consumer interests.

I can confirm that we are already taking forward significant programmes of work in line with all five priority areas, and I am confident we are well placed to deliver against them all. I look forward to engaging closely with the Aviation Minister on the detail as outlined in your letter.

I also welcome the recent publication of the updated Framework Document and the clarity it provides and wish to express my thanks to the teams in the Department and the CAA who have worked together to update this.

I will write to provide a formal update on the progress in our delivery of your priorities by March 2026, as well as providing regular updates at my quarterly meetings with the Aviation Minister.

Yours sincerely

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CHAIR

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