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Mr Jonathan Edwards

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17 June 2021

Dear Mr Edwards

### **Request for Information – ATISN 15187**

I wrote to you on 2 June regarding your request for information.

#### **Information requested**

1. Copies of any correspondence between airport operators or their representative bodies and Welsh Government Ministers on the impact of Covid-19 on air travel and air passengers since February 2020.

#### **Our response**

I confirm the Welsh Government holds information caught by your request. Some of the information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, information otherwise available as correspondence has been published on the Welsh Government website at [Letters from the Welsh Government to the UK travel industry and UK ministers about local lockdowns in Wales | GOV.WALES](#). In addition to this correspondence, we hold two further letters on record, both of which are enclosed.

#### **Next steps**

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at: Information Rights Unit, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ or Email: [Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales](mailto:Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales). Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe



House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely

**Jonathan Moody**  
**Head of Aviation**

## LETTER FROM CARDIFF AIRPORT

29th September 2020

Vaughan Gething AS/MS, Minister for Health and Social Services  
Lee Waters AS/MS, Deputy Minister for Economy and Transport  
Welsh Government  
Cardiff Bay  
Cardiff  
CF99 1SN

Your ref: VG/00324/20

Dear Ministers

Thank you for the update in your letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020, of which we have noted the contents.

Please be advised that we will be refunding any parking or executive lounge bookings made directly on the Cardiff Airport website for passengers living in Llanelli town, Swansea, Cardiff, Neath Port Talbot, Torfaen and the Vale of Glamorgan who are not able to travel due to the localised lockdown. However, we do remain open for travel for eligible customers.

We advise our customers to check the relevant guidance before travel and determine whether they are permitted to leave the area and have a legitimate reason to fly. This is not for the Airport to determine.

We continue to follow the guidance in place by Public Health Wales keeping the safety and security of our team and customers our number one priority.

Following my response to you 2 weeks ago, we have not been able to make substantial progress with your teams on taking testing at the airport forward, but please be assured that we are available for you to work with us accordingly.

I would be grateful if you could provide us with an update on how this is progressing. We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

Spencer Birns  
Interim Chief Executive Officer

C.C. Jason Thomas, Chair Holdco

## LETTER FROM CARDIFF AIRPORT

22nd October 2020

Vaughan Gething AS/MS, Minister for Health and Social Services  
Lee Waters AS/MS, Deputy Minister for Economy and Transport  
Welsh Government  
Cardiff Bay  
Cardiff  
CF99 1SN

Your ref: VG/00350/20

Dear Ministers

Thank you for the update in your letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020 regarding the 'firebreak', of which we have noted the contents.

Please be advised that we will be refunding any parking or executive lounge bookings made directly on the Cardiff Airport website for passengers in lockdown. However, we do remain open for travel for eligible customers.

We advise our customers to check the relevant guidance before travel and determine whether they are permitted to leave the area and have a legitimate reason to fly. This is not for the Airport to determine.

We continue to follow the guidance in place by Public Health Wales keeping the safety and security of our team and customers our number one priority.

I would be grateful if you could provide us with an update as we are still waiting for your decision on the testing Pilot and remain ready to work with you.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

Spencer Birns  
Interim Chief Executive Officer

C.C. Jason Thomas, Chair Holdco