



House of Commons  
Transport Committee

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**Future programme  
2014**

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**Twelfth Report of Session 2013–14**

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to the report*

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## The Transport Committee

The Transport Committee is appointed by the House of Commons to examine the expenditure, administration, and policy of the Department for Transport and its Associate Public Bodies.

### Current membership

Mrs Louise Ellman (*Labour/Co-operative, Liverpool Riverside*) (*Chair*)

Sarah Champion (*Labour, Rotherham*)

Jim Dobbin (*Labour/Co-operative, Heywood and Middleton*)

Jim Fitzpatrick (*Labour, Poplar and Limehouse*)

Karen Lumley (*Conservative, Redditch*)

Jason McCartney (*Conservative, Colne Valley*)

Karl McCartney (*Conservative, Lincoln*)

Mr Adrian Sanders (*Liberal Democrat, Torbay*)

Chloe Smith (*Conservative, Norwich North*)

Graham Stringer (*Labour, Blackley and Broughton*)

Martin Vickers (*Conservative, Cleethorpes*)

### Powers

The Committee is one of the departmental select committees, the powers of which are set out in House of Commons Standing Orders, principally in SO No 152. These are available on the internet via [www.parliament.uk](http://www.parliament.uk).

### Publication

The Reports of the Committee are published by The Stationery Office by Order of the House. All publications of the Committee (including press notices) are on the internet at <http://www.parliament.uk/transcom>. A list of Reports of the Committee in the present Parliament is at the back of this volume.

The Reports of the Committee and the formal minutes relating to that report are available in a printed volume. Written evidence is published on the internet only.

### Committee staff

The current staff of the Committee are Mark Egan (Clerk), Nick Beech (Second Clerk), Richard Jeremy (Committee Specialist), Adrian Hitchins (Senior Committee Assistant), Stewart McIlvenna (Committee Assistant), and Hannah Pearce (Media Officer)

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1. On 31 January we asked the public to suggest subjects for our inquiries over the next few months.<sup>1</sup> This is the third time we have done so in the last two years.<sup>2</sup> As well as using our website and Twitter, *Which?* ran a blog on its website asking for inquiry suggestions which generated a number of proposals. We again received an excellent response and considered 119 different inquiry suggestions when we discussed our future programme on 24 February. The suggestions are summarised in the annex to this report.

2. We decided to undertake the following new inquiries:

- **Motoring of the future.** This will be a broad inquiry encompassing technological developments to improve road safety; alternative fuels; and information provision for motorists. These issues were raised by numerous people on Twitter and on the *Which?* blog, by Calor Gas (cleaner fuels) and PACTS and Dr Sarah Jones (young driver safety). It is likely to start in the autumn.
- **Investment in the classic rail network.** This inquiry will include the delivery by Network Rail of its investment programme in Control Period 5 (2014-19), particularly in relation to electrification and resilience, priorities for the next Control Period, the role of the Office of Rail Regulation in ensuring value for money with rail investment, and investment in rail freight. Elements of this inquiry were suggested by GB Railfreight, ORR and TravelWatch NorthWest. It is likely to start after Whit.
- **Strategic river crossings.** This inquiry will look at priorities for additional strategic river crossings, how they are funded, and tolling. It was suggested by London Chamber of Commerce and Industry and a member of the public who wrote to us about arrangements for collecting tolls at the Dartford Crossing. The inquiry is likely to start after Whit.

3. In addition to these new inquiries, we are holding an oral evidence session on the **work of Network Rail** with its new chief executive, Mark Carne, scheduled for 28 April. We are also intending to hear oral evidence from Sir David Higgins on **progress with the HS2 project** in due course.

4. We are likely to announce other inquiries in due course, depending on the time available for our scrutiny work before the 2015 election.

**5. We are committed to ensuring that the public is fully involved in our work. Our intention is to ensure that, over the course of the Parliament, we consider issues affecting all of the main modes of transport which are of most pressing concern to the**

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1 <http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/transport-committee/news/suggest-an-inquiry1/>. We agreed not to take up individual cases nor to look at local transport issues or specific transport projects unless they raised issues of national significance.

2 Transport Committee, Second Report, Session 2013-14, *Future programme 2013-14*, HC 438.

**public we serve.** As well as continuing to ask for public suggestions of the work we should undertake we want to reach out to the public to hear the views of everyone affected by the issues we consider. We welcome feedback on our inquiries and reports.

## Annex: inquiry suggestions

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The following inquiry suggestions were received by 19 February and considered at our meeting on 24 February:

- Active travel, cross-departmental co-ordination
- Air fares: transparency
- Airport capacity
- Airports outside of London
- Automated cars and lorries
- Aviation pilot fatigue
- Aviation security
- Bus and coach services
- Bus fares
- Bus priority measures and traffic management
- Buses: fare integration between operators
- Buses: rural services
- Children at risk in and around transport hubs
- Civil Aviation Authority, role of
- Coastguard volunteers
- Community transport volunteers
- Compensation for delayed or cancelled flights
- Competition Commission recommendations on bus services
- Concessionary bus fares
- Crossrail: disabled access
- Crossrail (lessons)
- Cycle space on stations
- Cycling
- Disabled access to transport (including step free access at rural stations)

Drink driving

Electronic payment at Dartford Crossing

Fares

Ferry competition

Flooding, implications for local networks

Freight, waterborne

Freight and logistics

Funding and asset condition of local road network

Funding of road network

High speed rail

Highways Agency

Information provision at times of disruption

Integrated transport, ticketing

Light rapid transport

Local roads—implications of national track forecasts

London Underground capacity

London Underground ticket office staff

Medical fitness to drive / vision standards

Mega-trucks

Motor fuels which will improve air quality

Motorway design and performance

Motorway litter

Motorways: use of hard shoulder

Network Rail: performance, challenges

Network Rail: relationship with neighbours

Network Rail: status

On-line motoring services



Parking: as a planning issue; wheel-clamping on private land

Parking at airports

Parking at stations

Passenger rights and compensation (cross-modal)

Pilotless aircraft

Personalised vehicle registrations

Rail contractors, safety

Rail Delivery Group, role

Rail electrification

Rail engineering works

Rail fares and ticketing

Rail franchising

Rail industry innovation

Rail: information provision

Rail overcrowding

Rail passenger representation

Rail, rural services

Railcards, eligibility

River crossings east of London

Road maintenance and street works

Road pricing

Road safety (various aspects)

Road signage (including for special events)

Rolling stock

School transport

Seafarer fatigue

Shared spaces

Smart traffic lights

Speed limits

Sustainable aviation

Taxis and private hire vehicles

Traffic policing/enforcement

Transparency of railway (fares, complaints etc)

Transport infrastructure: time to build, financing

Transport planning

Transport research

Transport to non-emergency health services, cuts in

Transport workforce, diversity of

Treatment of drivers

Walking, pedestrian safety, state of pavements

Water provision at airports

Wifi on transport networks

Wind farm transfer vessels, safety

Written-off cars (still on the road)

Young people and transport

# Formal Minutes

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## Monday 10 March 2014

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Sarah Champion  
Jim Dobbin  
Jim Fitzpatrick  
Karen Lumley

Jason McCartney  
Mr Adrian Sanders  
Graham Stringer  
Martin Vickers

Draft Report (*Future programme 2014*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

*Ordered*, That the draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 5 read and agreed to.

Annex agreed to.

*Resolved*, That the Report be the Twelfth Report of the Committee to the House.

*Ordered*, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

[Adjourned till Monday 17 March at 4.00 pm]

# List of Reports from the Committee during the current Parliament

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All publications from the Committee are available on the Committee's website at <http://www.parliament.uk/transcom>.

The reference number of the Government's response to each Report is printed in brackets after the HC printing number.

## Session 2013–14

Eleventh Report	Safety at level crossings	HC 680
Tenth Report	Ready and waiting? Transport preparations for winter weather	HC 681
Ninth Report	High speed rail: on track?	HC 851 (HC 1085)
Eighth Report	Access to ports	HC 266 (HC 1083)
Seventh Report	Local authority parking enforcement	HC 118 (HC 970)
Seventh Special Report	The new European motorcycle test: Government Response to the Committee's Sixth Report of 2009–10	HC 656
Sixth Report	Flight Time Limitation: Follow-up	HC 641 (HC 795)
Firth Report	Access to transport for disabled people	HC 116 (HC 870)
Fourth Report	Cost of motor insurance: whiplash	HC 117 (CM 8738)
Third Report	The work of the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA)	HC 583 (HC 678)
Second Report	Future programme: 2013–14	HC 438
Fifth Special Report	The European Commission's 4 <sup>th</sup> Railway Package: Government Response to the Committee's Twelfth Report of Session 2012–13	HC 439
Third Special Report	Rail 2020: Rail Delivery Group and Passenger Focus responses to the Committee's Seventh Report of Session 2012–13	HC 81
Fourth Special Report	Land transport security—scope for further EU involvement?: Government Response to the Committee's Eleventh Report of Session 2012–13	HC 177
Second Special Report	Marine Pilotage: Government Response to the Committee's Ninth Report of Session 2012–13	HC 79
First Report	Aviation strategy	HC 78 (HC 596)
First Special Report	Cancellation of the InterCity West Coast franchise competition: Government Response to the Committee's Eighth Report of Session 2012–13	HC 80

## Session 2012–13

Twelfth Report	The European Commission's 4 <sup>th</sup> Railway Package	HC 1001(HC 439)
Eleventh Report	Land transport security—scope for further EU involvement?	HC 875
Ninth Special Report	Rail 2020: Government and Office of Rail Regulation Responses to the Committee's Seventh Report of 2012–13	HC 1059
Tenth Report	The Coastguard, Emergency Towing Vessels and the Maritime Incident Response Group: follow up: Government Response	HC 1018

	to the Committee's Sixth Report of 2012–13	
Ninth Report	Marine Pilotage	HC 840
Eighth Report	Cancellation of the InterCity West Coast franchise competition	HC 537
Eighth Special Report	Plug-in vehicles, plugged in policy?: Government Response to the Committee's Fourth Report of Session 2012–13	HC 884
Seventh Report	Rail 2020	HC 329
Sixth Report	The Coastguard, Emergency Towing Vessels and the Maritime Incident Response Group: follow up	HC 647
Fifth Report	Future programme: autumn and winter 2012–13	HC 591
Fourth Report	Plug-in vehicles, plugged in policy?	HC 239
Third Report	Competition in the local bus market	HC 10 (HC 761) (Incorporating HC 1861–i–iii)
Fifth Special Report	Flight Time Limitations: Government Response To The Committee's First Report Of Session 2012–13	HC 558
Fourth Special Report	Air Travel Organisers' Licensing (Atol) Reform: Government Response To The Committee's Seventeenth Report Of Session 2010–12	HC 557
Second Report	Road safety	HC 506 (HC 648) Incorporating HC 1738
First Report	Flight time limitations	HC 164 Incorporating HC 1838
Third Special Report	Sulphur emissions by ships: Government Response to the Committee's Sixteenth Report of Session 2010–12	HC 87
Second Special Report	Counting the cost: financial scrutiny of the Department for Transport 2011–12: Government Response to the Committee's Fifteenth Report of Session 2010–12	HC 15
First Special Report	Draft Civil Aviation Bill: Pre-Legislative Scrutiny: Government Response to the Committee's Thirteenth Report of Session 2010–12	HC 11
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Seventeenth Report	Air Travel Organisers' Licensing (ATOL) reform	HC 1798
Sixteenth Report	Sulphur emissions by ships	HC 1561
Fifteenth Report	Counting the cost: financial scrutiny of the Department for Transport 2011–12	HC 1560
Fourteenth Report	Cable theft on the Railway	HC 1609 (HC 1933)
Thirteenth Report	Draft Civil Aviation Bill: Pre-Legislative Scrutiny	HC 1694
Twelfth Report	Cost of motor insurance: follow up	HC 1451 (HC 1934)
Eleventh Report	Thameslink rolling stock procurement	HC 1453 (HC 1935)
Tenth Report	High Speed Rail	HC 1185–I (HC 1754)
Ninth Report	Out of the jam: reducing congestion on our roads	HC 872 (HC 1661)
Eighth Report	Bus Services after the Spending Review	HC 750 (HC 1550)
Seventh Report	Taxis and private hire vehicles: the road to reform	HC 720 (HC 1507)

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Sixth Report	The Coastguard, Emergency Towing Vessels and the Maritime Incident Response Group	HC 948, incorporating HC 752-i (HC 1482)
Fifth Report	Keeping the UK moving: The impact on transport of the winter weather in December 2010	HC 794 (HC 1467)
Fourth Report	The cost of motor insurance	HC 591 (HC 1466)
Third Report	Transport and the economy	HC 473 (HC 962)
Second Report	Financial Scrutiny of the Department for Transport	HC 683
First Report	Drink and drug driving law	HC 460 (Cm 8050)
Tenth Special Report	The proposal for a National Policy Statement on Ports: Government Response to the Committee Fifth Report of Session 2009–10	HC 1598
Third Special Report	The performance of the Department for Transport: Government response to the Committee's Fourth Report of Session 2009–10	HC 549
Second Special Report	Update on the London Underground and the public-private (PPP) partnership agreements: Government response to the Committee's Seventh Report of Session 2009–10	HC 467
First Special Report	The major road network: Government response to the Committee's Eighth Report of Session 2009–10	HC 421