

CAA's airport price control review for Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted

In conducting the current review of price controls for Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted airports, the CAA had planned to issue for consultation its initial price control proposals by end September 2006. These proposals were to have been informed by the submission, by 30 June, from BAA of its business forecasts for the three price-controlled airports for the next five-year control period starting April 2008. They were also to have been informed by the outputs from constructive engagement discussions between airport operator and airlines at Heathrow and Gatwick. As a result of the recent acquisition of BAA plc by Airport Development & Investment Limited, BAA has not been able to send the CAA the information requested according to the original schedule. The CAA is therefore considering how the timetable for the remainder of the review might have to be amended to take this into account, in particular, and most immediately, whether and how far to delay the issue of the CAA's initial price control proposals from September this year. The CAA will make a further statement on the timetable for the review in due course.

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