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HIAL INVERNESS PASSENGER AIR TRANSPORT MOVEMENTS AND 5-YEAR FORECAST – AUG 25

Further to the recent meeting between the CAA Airspace Regulator and HIAL Inverness ACP Team, the CAA requested that the Inverness Airspace Change Proposal Project Team provide them with updated Passenger Air Transport Movement (PATM) statistics and a 5 Year forecast.

The table below shows the previous PATM figures for the years 2019-2024 and the latest HIAL Inverness forecast for the forthcoming calendar years up to 2030. As of 31 Jul 25, the PATM's at Inverness have seen an increase of 2.9% with 5,313 PATM's handled compared to 5,164 PATM's handled during the same period in 2024.

Year (1 st Jan – 31 st Dec)	Actual Reported Total Passenger Air Transport Movements (PATM)	Forecast Total Yearly PATM	Percentage of PATM v 2019
2019	12,473		
2020	4,168		33%
2021	5,398		43%
2022	9,076		73%
2023	10,123		81%
2024	9,090		73%
2025		9,315	75%
2026		10,215	82%
2027		10,635	85%
2028		11,191	89%
2029		11,747	94%
2030		12,483	100%

Table 1: Passenger Air Transport Movements Actual and Forecast

Since the ACP Addendum that was published by HIAL on 5 Jun 24, there have been several changes to the planned airline schedules and expected growth at Inverness, including the limited uptake by other carriers of previously operated FlyBe routes that were flown from Inverness to destinations including Birmingham and Dublin.

Currently, the HIAL Commercial Department is actively engaged with current ATM operators and is in the process of securing additional growth for the winter 2025 schedule and for future years. In addition, HIAL is in the latter stages of negotiation with existing and new airlines to increase ATM

movements from summer 2026 onwards. The safer airspace environment associated with the introduction and implementation of controlled airspace, along with the positive environmental impact associated with the introduction of systemised routes, is viewed by HIAL and airline operators to be an enhanced incentive for further growth at Inverness airport.

The Inverness ACP Project Team