

Connectivity

- The TSC concluded that there will be **170,000 fewer flights from non-London airports** compared to a no expansion scenario if a third runway is built.
- NPS forecast that **growth at non-London airports** between **2016 and 2030** will be **24% less** due to a third runway at Heathrow and **17% less** at between **2016 and 2050**.
- There is no definition of a domestic route set by Government.
- Government only committed to an ambition of delivering “up to 15%” of slots for regional connections.
- Significant Government subsidy would be required to support additional domestic connectivity into Heathrow.
- The Government has no policy on the financial support it is prepared to offer regional airports.
- The NPS did not include any analysis of how any economic benefit would be broken down by region or nation of the UK.
- No mechanism established for Government to enforce Heathrow’s domestic connectivity commitments..



- The NPS forecast that there would be **just 5 domestic routes with a third runway** (compared to 3 without expansion) which is down from 8 today.
- Without a regional slot allocation preference or some sort subsidy that these new routes may not be commercially viable.
- Heathrow could potentially subsidise links with UK regional airports in perpetuity. However, this is not something that they have committed to.
- The UK Government currently funds three PSOs into London from Londonderry, Dundee and Newquay. In addition, the Welsh Government funds a PSO from Anglesey to Cardiff, and the Scottish Government funds a further eighteen PSOs.
- The **total annual subsidy in 2017** for these routes was **£10,564,194**.
- The **average annual cost** of these PSOs in 2017 was **£480,191**.
- The DfT **Regional Air Connectivity Fund launched 11 routes in 2016**, under existing already expensive Heathrow passenger charges. Of those 11 routes launched, 9 failed entirely and **only 2 are left, but operating at reduced frequency**.

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