

Airport Operators Association: Marginal Seats Political Poll

METHODOLOGY NOTE

ComRes interviewed online a representative sample of 1,004 GB adults living in the 40 most marginal constituencies where the Conservatives and Labour shared first and second place between them at the last General Election in 2010. Of these 40 constituencies, 25 currently have a Conservative MP and 15 currently have a Labour MP. Each constituency is represented in the sample equally, with results weighted to be representative of all adults in all 40 constituencies as a whole. Data were also weighted by past vote recall. Fieldwork took place from 31st January – 10th February 2015. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

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Table 1

C1_SUM. Air Passenger Duty is a tax added to the cost of flights. This is currently set at £13 per adult for an economy class flight to destinations in Europe and £69 per adult for an economy class flight to destinations such as the US.

To what extent do you agree with - SUMMARY TABLE

Base: All respondents

		In the event of the Scottish Government reducing Air Passenger Duty by 50% the UK Government should commit to immediately matching this across the whole of the UK	Rates of Air Passenger Duty should be consistent across the whole of the UK so that passengers in one part of the country do not pay more than passengers in another	If passengers in Scotland were able to pay a lower rate of Air Passenger Duty, this would not be fair to passengers in the rest of the UK
Unweighted Total		1004	1004	1004
Weighted Total		1004	1004	1004
		100%	100%	100%
Strongly agree	(4.0)	403	544	511
		40%	54%	51%
Tend to agree	(3.0)	280	242	239
		28%	24%	24%
Tend to disagree	(2.0)	98	71	84
		10%	7%	8%
Strongly disagree	(1.0)	49	24	41
		5%	2%	4%
Don't know		174	123	128
		17%	12%	13%
NETS				
AGREE		683	786	750
		68%	78%	75%
DISAGREE		147	95	125
		15%	9%	12%
Mean score		3.2	3.5	3.4
Standard deviation		.88	.76	.85
Standard error		.03	.03	.03

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Table 2

C1_1. Air Passenger Duty is a tax added to the cost of flights. This is currently set at £13 per adult for an economy class flight to destinations in Europe and £69 per adult for an economy class flight to destinations such as the US.

To what extent do you agree with - In the event of the Scottish Government reducing Air Passenger Duty by 50% the UK Government should commit to immediately matching this across the whole of the UK

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	Total	GENDER		AGE						SOCIAL GRADE				CURRENT MP		MARGINALITY			
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	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Strongly agree	(4.0) 403 40%	230 47%	173 34%	41 33%	57 33%	80 44%	62 35%	67 45%	97 47%	89 42%	115 38%	96 45%	103 38%	247 39%	156 41%	145 41%	101 37%	77 38%	79 45%
Tend to agree	(3.0) 280 28%	123 25%	157 31%	46 37%	42 24%	44 24%	55 32%	36 24%	57 28%	54 26%	87 29%	52 24%	87 32%	183 29%	98 26%	93 26%	90 33%	55 27%	43 24%
Tend to disagree	(2.0) 98 10%	58 12%	41 8%	7 5%	23 13%	19 11%	15 9%	16 11%	18 9%	25 12%	40 13%	14 7%	19 7%	64 10%	35 9%	40 11%	24 9%	21 10%	13 8%
Strongly disagree	(1.0) 49 5%	32 6%	17 3%	1 1%	11 6%	8 4%	10 6%	8 5%	11 5%	14 6%	12 4%	9 4%	14 5%	35 6%	14 4%	15 4%	20 7%	8 4%	6 3%
Don't know	174 17%	50 10%	124 24%	30 24%	39 23%	30 17%	32 18%	21 14%	21 10%	31 15%	50 17%	42 20%	50 18%	100 16%	74 20%	58 17%	41 15%	39 20%	35 20%
NETS																			
AGREE	683 68%	354 72%	330 65%	87 70%	99 58%	123 68%	117 67%	102 69%	154 75%	143 67%	202 66%	148 69%	190 70%	430 68%	254 67%	238 68%	191 69%	132 66%	122 69%
DISAGREE	147 15%	89 18%	58 11%	8 6%	34 20%	27 15%	25 14%	24 16%	29 14%	38 18%	52 17%	23 11%	33 12%	98 16%	49 13%	55 16%	43 16%	29 15%	19 11%
Mean score	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.4
Standard deviation	.88	.94	.81	.66	.97	.88	.89	.91	.88	.94	.87	.84	.86	.90	.85	.88	.92	.87	.82
Standard error	.03	.05	.04	.09	.09	.08	.07	.07	.06	.06	.06	.07	.06	.04	.05	.05	.06	.07	.07

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Strongly agree (4.0)	403 40%	81 39%	112 39%	18 37%	73 48%	14 32%	124 45%	116 42%	49 37%	162 43%	107 35%	60 42%	39 40%	34 46%
Tend to agree (3.0)	280 28%	63 31%	89 31%	14 29%	45 30%	11 26%	75 27%	78 28%	39 30%	113 30%	85 28%	36 25%	25 25%	22 29%
Tend to disagree (2.0)	98 10%	24 12%	31 11%	7 15%	9 6%	6 13%	27 10%	33 12%	19 15%	34 9%	27 9%	11 7%	16 16%	10 13%
Strongly disagree (1.0)	49 5%	14 7%	14 5%	3 6%	7 5%	2 5%	19 7%	15 5%	4 3%	14 4%	20 7%	8 6%	4 4%	3 4%
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AGREE	683 68%	143 70%	200 71%	32 66%	117 78%	26 58%	199 72%	194 70%	87 67%	276 73%	192 62%	96 67%	64 65%	56 75%
DISAGREE	147 15%	38 19%	46 16%	10 21%	15 10%	8 18%	46 17%	48 17%	23 18%	48 13%	48 15%	19 13%	20 20%	13 17%
Mean score	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.4	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.3
Standard deviation	.88	.94	.88	.94	.82	.93	.93	.90	.86	.83	.94	.91	.90	.87
Standard error	.03	.06	.06	.15	.07	.18	.06	.06	.08	.05	.06	.08	.10	.11

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	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Strongly agree	(4.0) 544	299	245	57	79	106	83	80	140	116	169	129	130	351	193	202	148	102	91
	54%	61%	48%	45%	46%	59%	48%	54%	69%	54%	56%	61%	48%	56%	51%	58%	54%	51%	52%
Tend to agree	(3.0) 242	102	140	35	39	38	48	39	43	59	75	35	74	151	91	70	81	50	41
	24%	21%	27%	28%	23%	21%	27%	27%	21%	28%	25%	16%	27%	24%	24%	20%	29%	25%	24%
Tend to disagree	(2.0) 71	43	27	8	19	12	15	8	8	13	26	13	18	43	28	28	15	16	12
	7%	9%	5%	6%	11%	7%	9%	6%	4%	6%	9%	6%	7%	7%	7%	8%	5%	8%	7%
Strongly disagree	(1.0) 24	13	11	1	5	7	4	4	2	8	6	5	6	15	9	6	10	7	2
	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	4%	2%	3%	1%	4%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	4%	3%	1%
Don't know	123	35	88	25	31	16	24	16	10	19	28	31	45	68	55	46	22	26	29
	12%	7%	17%	20%	18%	9%	14%	11%	5%	9%	9%	15%	17%	11%	15%	13%	8%	13%	16%
NETS																			
AGREE	786	402	385	91	118	144	131	119	183	174	244	164	203	502	285	273	229	152	132
	78%	81%	75%	73%	68%	80%	75%	81%	90%	82%	80%	77%	75%	80%	76%	78%	83%	76%	75%
DISAGREE	95	57	38	9	24	20	19	12	11	20	32	18	24	58	37	33	25	22	15
	9%	11%	7%	7%	14%	11%	11%	8%	5%	9%	11%	8%	9%	9%	10%	9%	9%	11%	8%
Mean score	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.5
Standard deviation	.76	.78	.73	.69	.84	.82	.78	.75	.62	.78	.76	.74	.75	.75	.77	.74	.77	.81	.71
Standard error	.03	.04	.03	.09	.08	.07	.06	.06	.04	.05	.05	.06	.05	.03	.04	.04	.05	.06	.06

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Strongly agree (4.0)	544 54%	127 62%	146 52%	28 58%	86 57%	19 43%	171 62%	144 52%	79 60%	218 57%	153 50%	74 52%	51 52%	48 63%
Tend to agree (3.0)	242 24%	50 24%	71 25%	12 25%	44 30%	11 26%	67 24%	71 26%	30 23%	84 22%	76 25%	41 28%	23 24%	19 25%
Tend to disagree (2.0)	71 7%	9 4%	31 11%	5 10%	9 6%	3 6%	13 5%	26 9%	13 10%	29 8%	20 7%	8 6%	9 9%	5 6%
Strongly disagree (1.0)	24 2%	4 2%	11 4%	2 3%	- -	2 5%	8 3%	8 3%	1 1%	9 2%	8 3%	2 2%	4 5%	- -
Don't know	123 12%	15 7%	24 8%	2 4%	11 8%	9 20%	18 7%	29 10%	8 6%	41 11%	49 16%	17 12%	11 11%	4 6%
NETS														
AGREE	786 78%	177 86%	217 77%	40 83%	130 87%	31 69%	238 86%	215 77%	109 83%	302 79%	229 75%	115 80%	74 75%	67 88%
DISAGREE	95 9%	13 6%	42 15%	6 13%	9 6%	5 10%	20 7%	34 12%	14 11%	37 10%	29 9%	11 7%	13 13%	5 6%
Mean score	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.6
Standard deviation	.76	.68	.85	.83	.61	.86	.73	.81	.72	.76	.78	.71	.87	.61
Standard error	.03	.05	.05	.13	.05	.16	.04	.05	.06	.04	.05	.06	.09	.08

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Table 4

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Strongly agree	(4.0) 511 51%	280 57%	231 45%	51 41%	76 44%	101 56%	81 46%	77 52%	125 61%	108 51%	153 50%	120 56%	131 48%	324 52%	188 50%	190 54%	134 49%	101 50%	87 50%
Tend to agree	(3.0) 239 24%	101 21%	138 27%	35 28%	32 19%	37 20%	46 27%	38 26%	50 25%	53 25%	82 27%	32 15%	72 26%	153 24%	86 23%	80 23%	73 26%	45 23%	40 23%
Tend to disagree	(2.0) 84 8%	47 10%	36 7%	6 5%	24 14%	19 11%	11 6%	9 6%	15 7%	24 11%	26 8%	18 8%	16 6%	53 9%	30 8%	26 7%	27 10%	17 9%	13 7%
Strongly disagree	(1.0) 41 4%	29 6%	13 3%	2 2%	8 5%	7 4%	14 8%	8 6%	2 1%	6 3%	12 4%	11 5%	12 5%	27 4%	14 4%	13 4%	14 5%	8 4%	6 3%
Don't know	128 13%	35 7%	93 18%	30 24%	32 19%	16 9%	23 13%	15 10%	11 5%	22 11%	32 11%	32 15%	42 15%	70 11%	58 16%	42 12%	28 10%	29 15%	29 17%
NETS																			
AGREE	750 75%	382 77%	369 72%	87 69%	108 63%	138 76%	127 73%	115 78%	176 86%	161 76%	235 77%	152 71%	202 74%	477 76%	274 73%	270 77%	207 75%	146 73%	128 73%
DISAGREE	125 12%	76 15%	49 10%	8 7%	32 19%	26 15%	24 14%	17 11%	17 9%	30 14%	37 12%	29 14%	29 11%	81 13%	44 12%	40 11%	41 15%	26 13%	19 11%
Mean score	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.4
Standard deviation	.85	.91	.78	.73	.94	.86	.94	.87	.69	.82	.83	.91	.84	.85	.84	.82	.88	.86	.81
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Tend to agree (3.0)	239 24%	46 23%	75 27%	13 26%	33 22%	11 26%	61 22%	73 26%	38 29%	89 23%	73 24%	32 22%	23 23%	22 29%
Tend to disagree (2.0)	84 8%	16 8%	30 11%	9 18%	10 7%	2 6%	18 7%	27 10%	16 12%	35 9%	19 6%	10 7%	14 15%	5 7%
Strongly disagree (1.0)	41 4%	4 2%	15 5%	4 9%	7 5%	4 9%	10 4%	19 7%	1 1%	15 4%	15 5%	7 5%	3 3%	1 2%
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Standard deviation	.85	.73	.89	1.01	.84	1.01	.79	.93	.76	.85	.87	.86	.86	.72
Standard error	.03	.05	.06	.16	.07	.19	.05	.06	.07	.05	.05	.08	.09	.09