

# Edinburgh West MP to meet with Scotland minister over airport jobs

Christine Jardine MP, will have the opportunity to discuss what steps the Government is taking to support Edinburgh Airport, following her question in the House of Commons this morning.

She will now meet with Iain Stewart, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Scotland.

Edinburgh Airport, employs over 7,000 people along with its partner businesses, and its daily passenger numbers have dropped from more than 40,000 to fewer than 200 during the last three months.

The aviation sector is under pressure as it continues to shrink in the wake of the global pandemic.

Speaking in the Commons this morning, the Lib Dem MP said: "Edinburgh Airport is not just one of the major employers in my constituency ... it is a linchpin of Edinburgh's economy and Scotland's economy."

"While I am deeply concerned about the airport, the airlines and the directly related jobs, they also feed into a tourist industry which is worth an estimated £10.5 billion to Scotland."

"With the loss of the Edinburgh Festival, the Royal Highland Show, the incomplete Six Nations this year and now the loss of tourism, potentially every job in Edinburgh is under threat.

This government must use its economic power to support Edinburgh's infrastructure and businesses through this crisis."