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SPAA PRESIDENT ASSERTS 'THERE WILL BE NO WINNERS' FROM GOVERNMENT'S APD STANCE

The Government's latest announcement on APD – that the four-tier system will continue – has been roundly condemned by SPAA President Kevin Thom, coming as it does on top of the Chancellor's determination to go ahead with the planned double-inflation increase in Air Passenger Duty.

Commenting on the announcement, the President asserted that there will be “no winners from the Government's declared stance on this excessive and inequitable tax on business and leisure travel – and British business as a whole.”

“Words cannot express the anger and frustration we feel at this decision. We find it inconceivable that the Government has not listened to, or heeded the very strong anti-APD messages that have been delivered to its door, time and time again. This maybe a cash cow for the Treasury in the short term, but the long-term damage to the UK and its economy will be huge. Along with our colleague organisations, the SPAA has invested considerable time, expertise and effort in responding to this Government's so-called Consultations on APD, only to have our pragmatic arguments treated with contempt.”

“There can be no winners from the Government's short-sighted action, and our active campaign against APD – in partnership with our travel sector colleagues - will continue.”

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