

Parliamentary Report



AVIATION SAFETY

With colleagues on the Transport Committee, Jacqueline visited EASA (the European Aviation Safety Agency) in Cologne in May. This hugely important relationship will continue post-Brexit.



INSPIRING FUTURE GENERATIONS

Jacqueline shares her experience with students from the UK and Europe on a regular basis. She discussed the airline industry, her work in the European Parliament and the impact of Brexit on aviation, amongst other things, with a group from Antwerp University recently.



BACKING KEY INDUSTRY

An important part of Jacqueline's role is liaising with key players in the transport industry, from airlines to motor manufacturers. She is seen here debating all the latest developments in aviation cargo with representatives from major firms IAG-Cargo and Cargolux.



■ *Saying NO to protectionist measures that are bad for British and global business*

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Conservative Transport Spokesman



Speaking out to demand action when the EU gets it wrong!

In all the sectors Jacqueline works with, she has always spoken out to defend British interests when it matters. In aviation, aerospace, road and maritime, she has been a strong voice for industry when EU bureaucracy seeks to interfere.

Following a vote by the European Parliament's Transport Committee that would see airlines based outside the EU facing protectionist measures against them, Jacqueline said:

“MEPs have really scored a hat-trick by backing revisions that could increase ticket prices for consumers, cost jobs and send a protectionist message to our partners around the globe.

“This revision would enable uncompetitive European airlines to complain about their rivals and give the EU Commission the power to punish them before reviewing the

evidence. It's right we crack down on unfair competition but it is outright protectionist to sanction airlines, who may not be guilty, before their case has been heard.

“Consumers benefit from having access to airlines from around the world; it drives down prices, provides greater choice and a better service.”

Similarly, in October, Jacqueline opposed EU plans that will increase road charges for haulage companies and motorists, thereby undermining national sovereignty.

Leading the debate on animal welfare across the world

Jacqueline is one of the strongest voices in the European Parliament on animal welfare matters. As Vice President of the Animal Welfare Parliamentary Intergroup, she campaigns on a range of issues from animal testing for cosmetics, to banning the trade in ivory.

In February she called for electric shock collars for dogs to be banned, welcoming the campaign of The Dogs Trust against this cruel tool.

In May she joined with colleagues to vote for a global ban on animal testing for cosmetics, saying: “It is simply unacceptable that 80% of the world still permits this immoral practice. This out-of-date testing is unjustifiable and barbaric. We need a global ban.”

In June, she led European Parliament calls to bring about global action to stamp out the



trade in ivory, remarking in Strasbourg, “We are in danger of future generations only being able to read about elephants. The EU needs to follow the UK's example and introduce its own ivory ban to help save these magnificent animals.”