

Economy Secretary at Paris Airshow to promote Wales' aerospace sector

The Paris Airshow, which is held every other year in the French capital, is one of the world's largest events of its kind. This year it expects to attract record numbers of exhibitors and more than 250,000 trade visitors.

The Economy Secretary will join the six Wales based companies exhibiting on the Welsh Government stand who are looking to maximise business opportunities and secure new orders.

They include Wrexham based engineering company Tritech Group who last year secured around £10m worth of new business at the Farnborough International Airshow.

Speaking ahead of the event, Ken Skates said:

"I am very excited to attend this year's Paris Airshow and join our Aerospace team and the excellent Wales based companies on our stand. Tritech, Faun Trackway, Spectrum Technologies, Denis Ferranti, Haydale and LMg Solutions will be working hard throughout the event to make new contacts and secure new business.

"The aerospace industry is already a priority sector for Wales. We are a centre of excellence for aerospace manufacturing and Maintenance Repair and Overhaul (MRO) related activities and play home to over 160 companies who are active in the sector.

"Indeed some of the biggest names in aerospace and defence, including GE Aviation and Airbus are located in Wales and collectively the sector employs in excess of 20,000 people."

"Wales is punching above its weight but we want to keep building on our success, and the presence of the Welsh Government and Wales based companies at high profile events like the Paris Airshow is crucial in helping us to generate new business and trade opportunities, and stimulate growth in the sector. I wish all six exhibiting companies every success at this year's show."

Speed camera income hits 3-year peak

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Speed cameras across Scotland raked in more than £5 million last year, the highest since 2014.

The devices across the country – which issue motorists who break the speed limit with automatic fines – resulted in £5,095,100 being paid to courts.

That's £200,000 more than the previous year, and compares to just £4.6 million two years ago.

The statistics were revealed following a Freedom of Information request by the Scottish Conservatives.

Cameras in Tayside, Central and Fife produced the most money – raking in £1.3 million – followed by Grampian and the Highlands and Islands, which generated £1.2 million.

Across Scotland there are more than 200 fixed speed cameras.

Today's statistics show they bring in £14,000 a day.

The Scottish Conservatives said while speed cameras had a role to play in improving safety, it was important they weren't merely seen as cash cows.

Scottish Conservative transport spokesman Liam Kerr said:

"Motorists completely accept speed cameras have a place on Scotland's roads to ensure safe driving.

"But there is a widespread suspicion that these are set up not to reduce speed, but to generate money from those edging over the various speed limits they police.

"The fact that an ever-increasing amount of money is being generated from motorists for whom driving is becoming ever more expensive, will only reinforce this view that they are first and foremost simply being used as revenue-generators.

"Speed cameras should be situated where their presence has a demonstrable positive impact on road safety and accident prevention.

"Too many seem to be placed in areas such as the first clear straight on an A-road, ensuring that those carrying out an appropriate, safety conscious, overtaking manoeuvre but exceeding the speed limit are caught out."

To see the table revealing speed camera income, visit:

<http://www.scottishconservatives.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Speedcams.pdf>

News story: The UKTI Minister, Mark Garnier visited Mongolia

The UKTI Minister, Mark Garnier visited Mongolia from 31 March to 1 April.

The UK's International Trade Minister Mark Garnier was the first UK Department for International Trade Minister to visit Mongolia. His visit emphasized the strong bilateral trading relationship. Mongolia has huge potential for economic growth and the UK stands ready to help companies in Mongolia fulfil their ambition ensuring our partnership can go from strength to strength. Throughout the visit, the Minister highlighted the UK is a significant economic and export partner for Mongolia. And the UK is one of the largest investors in Mongolia in sectors ranging from mining and building infrastructure to financial services. Exports from the UK to Mongolia include a diverse variety of products.

During his visit, the Minister met the Foreign Minister, H.E. Munkh-Orgil Tsend, Vice Minister of Road and Transport Development, H.E. Tsogtgerel Batchuluun. Discussions were held on many matters, including ways to further strengthen the bilateral trading relationship and exploring areas to maximise future opportunities for UK and Mongolian businesses. He also opened the securities trading session at the Mongolian Stock Exchange.

News story: David Davis' opening remarks at the start of EU exit negotiations in Brussels

I'm here in Brussels today, to begin the next phase of our work to build a new, deep and special partnership with the European Union.

But our thoughts this morning are rightly with the victims and families of the awful attack in London early this morning and with those who have lost loved ones in Portugal too in that terrible tragedy there.

It is at testing times like these that we are reminded of the values and the resolve we share with our closest allies in Europe.

For there is more that unites us than divides us.

So while there will undoubtedly be challenging times ahead of us in the negotiations we will do all that we can to ensure we deliver a deal that works in the best interests of all of our citizens.

To that end we are starting this negotiation in a positive and constructive tone, determined to build a strong and special partnership between ourselves, our European allies and friends.

Press release: Charity Commission announces investigation into the Anatolia People's Cultural Centre

The Charity Commission, the independent regulator of charities in England and Wales, has today (19 June 2017) announced that it opened a statutory inquiry into the [Anatolia People's Cultural Centre, registered charity number 1107957](#), in April 2016. The Commission did not previously make the inquiry public to avoid any potential prejudice to a criminal investigation by the Metropolitan Police and a consequent trial of a trustee of the charity for terrorism offences.

In April 2016 information was shared with the Commission by the Metropolitan Police's Counter Terrorism Command that the charity's premises were searched due to an ongoing counter terrorism investigation. As a result of the search, a trustee of the charity was arrested on suspicion of terrorism offences and the charity's premises were later closed, and remain closed, by a court order. In addition to supporting the Metropolitan Police's criminal investigation, the Commission also had concerns about the trustees' management of the charity and whether its property, including its premises, were used solely to further the charity's stated purposes. The trustees have also repeatedly failed to file the charity's accounts in default of their legal duties.

The scope of the Commission's investigation is to consider the:

- administration, governance and management of the charity by the trustees
- financial controls and management of the charity and whether its funds have been properly expended solely for exclusively charitable purposes and can be accounted for
- conduct of the trustees
- whether or not the trustees have complied with and fulfilled their

duties and responsibilities as trustees under charity law

As part of its investigation the Commission has exercised a number of its regulatory powers to protect any property that may be held in the name of the charity, restrict the trustees' fundraising activities without the Commission's prior authorisation and to suspend the trustee who was the subject of the police's investigation and subsequent trial. This trial has now concluded and the trustee was found not guilty. The trustee in question remains suspended and the Commission is considering further regulatory action.

In addition, the Commission has taken action using its new powers under section 181A (of the Charities Act 2011) to disqualify the charity's 5 other trustees from being a charity trustee for a period of 10 years as a result of their misconduct and/or mismanagement in the administration of the charity. Further information will be provided on conclusion of the inquiry.

The Commission is not a prosecuting authority and the investigation of criminal offences is a matter for the police and/or other authorities. If charity property or assets are at risk the Commission will take action to protect these either of its own motion or in collaboration with other agencies.

It is the Commission's policy, after it has concluded an inquiry, to publish a report detailing what issues the inquiry looked at, what actions were undertaken as part of the inquiry and what the outcomes were. [Reports of previous inquiries](#) by the Commission are available on GOV.UK.

The charity's details can be viewed on the Commission's [online charity search tool](#).

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Notes to editors

1. [The Charity Commission](#) is the independent regulator of charities in England and Wales. To find out more about our work, see our [annual report](#).
2. Search for charities on our [online register](#).
3. Details of how the Commission reports on its regulatory work can be found on [GOV.UK](#).
4. Section 46 of the Charities Act 2011 gives the Commission the power to institute inquiries. The opening of an inquiry gives the Commission access to a range of investigative, protective and remedial legal powers.
5. The Commission's decision to announce the opening of a statutory inquiry is based on whether it is in the public interest to do so and with consideration of our objective to increase public trust and confidence

in charities.

6. Miss Ayfer Yildiz was tried for 2 counts of disseminating of terrorist publications contrary to section 2 of the Terrorism Act 2006 and found not guilty on both counts on 18 May 2017.
7. The new discretionary disqualification power in section 181A of the Charities Act 2011 brought in by the Charities Act 2016 allows the regulator to disqualify a person it considers unfit from being a trustee, for a maximum period of 15 years.
8. On 2 May 2017 the Commission made an order under section 181A of the Charities Act 2011, in respect of the 5 trustees, having satisfied itself that the statutory test had been met. The effect of the order, which came into force on 13 June 2017, is to disqualify the 5 individuals from being a charity trustee or trustee for a charity in respect of any charity in England and Wales (whether registered with the Commission or not) for a period of 10 years. The order also disqualifies them from holding any office or employment with senior management functions in any such charity for the same period.