

News Release



Carlson Wagonlit Travel UK Opposes Air Passenger Duty Increases

LONDON, October 12, 2009 — Carlson Wagonlit Travel (CWT) UK, the UK's leading specialist in business travel management, has sent a letter to its clients detailing the 2009 and 2010 increases in Air Passenger Duty (APD).

Based on current travel patterns, CWT UK clients will collectively see a 41 per cent increase in their APD payments, an uplift of £9 million per annum. This will result in the total APD they pay reaching £30 million per annum in 2011.

"CWT is providing its clients with the information they need to understand what the increases will mean for them," said Andrew Waller, Executive Vice President, CWT UK & Ireland. "CWT believes that the proposed rises in Air Passenger Duty will impede economic recovery without delivering environmental benefits and we will oppose them vigorously."

In addition to the client communication, CWT has alerted its 1,400 UK staff, encouraging them to sign the petition on the Number 10 website and contact their MP to voice their concerns. Further information and a copy of the open letter can be found on CWT's website: <http://cwt-client.co.uk/actnowonapd>

About Carlson Wagonlit Travel

Carlson Wagonlit Travel (CWT) is a global leader specialising in business travel management. Present in more than 150 countries, CWT serves companies of all sizes, as well as government institutions and non-governmental organisations. By leveraging both the expertise of its people and leading-edge technology, CWT helps clients derive the greatest value from their travel programme in terms of savings, service, security and sustainability. The company is also committed to providing best-in-class service and assistance to travellers. CWT services and solutions comprise four lines of business: Traveller & Transaction Services, Programme Optimisation, Safety & Security, and Meetings & Events. In 2008, sales volume for wholly owned operations and joint ventures totalled US\$27.8 billion. For more information, please visit www.carlsonwagonlit.com.

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