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AGENDA ITEM 9 – MEMBERS’ QUESTIONS

Question from Cllr Malcolm Fillmore, Rusper Parish Council.

Q) It is apparent from my monthly analyses of night arrivals that there is an increasing number of flights arriving between 0000 and 0400 (and significantly more than pre-pandemic). The majority are EasyJet and Tui.

A) GAL continues to work closely with our airlines - meeting on a weekly basis - to review night flight usage and is operating within the Department for Transport night flight restrictions cap. Full details of our night flight performance is reported through NaTMAG and can be found in the [quarterly and annual Airspace Office Reports](#).

Q) As a percentage, how many of these flights are actually scheduled to arrive during these hours?

A) So far in 2024 between 0000-0400(I), 80% of all of the arrival flights have been scheduled to do so. This is similar to 2019 (pre-pandemic) where 83% of all arrival flights operating in these hours were planned to do so.

Q) Are any actions taking place to reduce the number of late arrivals?

A) We meet with our airlines on a weekly basis specifically to review night flight scheduling performance. Actions taken by airlines to resolve issues, or forecast issues, in night flight performance are normally through scheduling or by addressing the operational factors giving rise to the delays.