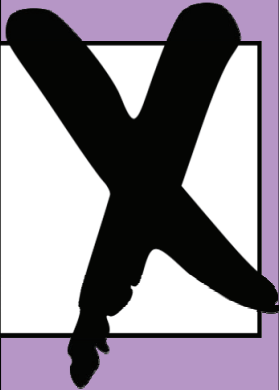


Stewart Maxwell MSP

POLL



Do you think Scottish travellers are being ripped-off by airlines charging more to fly from Glasgow than from English airports?

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Visit:

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Return the attached voting form.

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MAXWELL DEMANDS TO KNOW WHY SCOTS PAY MORE FOR THEIR HOLIDAYS

Research by MSP Stewart Maxwell has shown that Scots holiday makers are being forced to pay over the odds compared with holiday makers in England and in particular those travelling from London.

Stewart said:

"A family of four flying with Thomas Cook, to Orlando from Glasgow on 17th July for a 2 week holiday in Walt Disney World will pay £1000 more than an equivalent family flying from London to Orlando and staying in the same resort at Disney on the same dates.

"It is even more ludicrous that a family of four flying from Glasgow to Reykjavic, with Thomas Cook, on 17th July for a 2 week stay in the Hotel Reykjavic will pay £304.58 more than a family

of four flying from London to stay at the Hotel Reykjavic - yet Iceland is closer to Glasgow than to London.

"If you were to fly First Choice from Glasgow to Gran Canaria for a 2-week stay on 28th June then it would cost you £800 more than if you flew from London.

"This is disgraceful and quite clearly discriminates against Scottish travellers and Scottish airports. It is clear to me that Scots pay more for their well-earned holidays than people in the South of England and is one more example of the way in which Scotland is being poorly served by these travel operators.

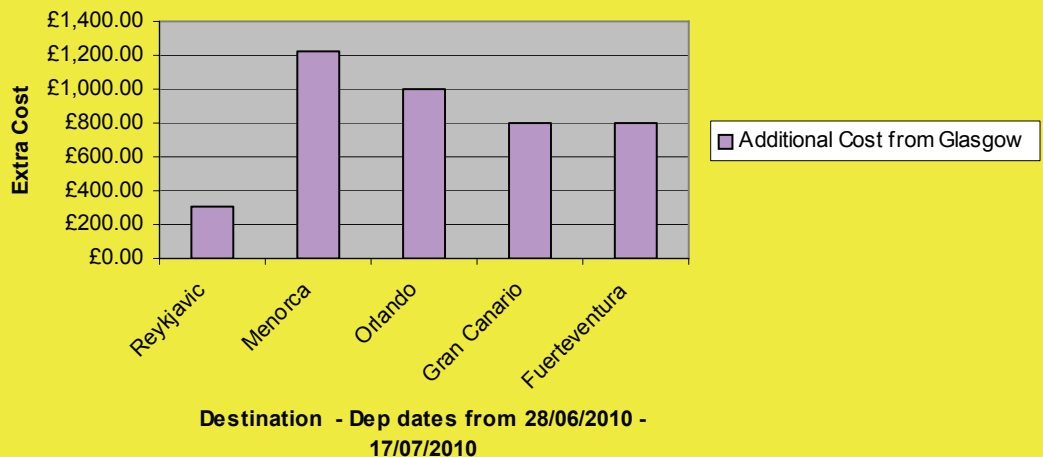
"This is the reason that in 2008 Scots airports lost

210,00 charter passengers to Manchester airport, which represents a huge loss to the Scottish economy. It is quite right for people to make the best use of their money and organise their holidays in order to get best value for their families, but shocking that in order to do so they must incur additional journey times to distant airports because airlines impose such high costs on flights out of Glasgow."



Why are Scots paying more for their holidays?

Additional Cost of Flying from Glasgow Instead of London



BARRHEAD-BASED 'MARY'S MEALS' NEEDS YOUR UNWANTED TEXTILES

West of Scotland MSP Stewart Maxwell has urged his constituents from Eastwood to donate any unwanted clothing or textiles they have to local charities in the area.

Paying a visit to the Mary's Meals charity shop in Barrhead Main Street, Stewart Maxwell dropped off a batch of old clothing which the charity is able to re-use or recycle to raise funds.

Mary's Meals encourages children in poverty-stricken countries to go to school by offering them a daily meal as part of their education. This

benefits more than 400,000 children in 15 countries across Africa, Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe.

Commenting MSP and Giffnock resident Stewart Maxwell said:

"Recycling unwanted clothing and textiles is a great way to support worthwhile charitable causes and to also reduce the amount of waste we send to landfill."

"Charities such as Mary's Meals are happy to accept

donations of old or unwanted clothing and textiles, so long as they are clean and dry.

"Any good quality clothing which is donated can then be re-sold here in Scotland or re-used 2nd-hand in developing countries such as Malawi or Uganda."

"Unwearable items can be sold to specialist recycling firms and used for loft insulation or as stuffing for sofas. Just 2 bin bags full of textiles sold for recycling will raise enough money to feed a child in Malawi for one year."

A number of other charities in the area also offer facilities for recycling unwanted clothing. The Salvation Army and Oxfam offer clothing banks at local recycling points including: Tesco at Kelburn Road, Clarkston Library, Giffnock Train Station, and Neilston Leisure Centre.



Picture: Stewart makes a donation to Mary's Meals.

MAXWELL OPPOSES TORY PROPOSALS TO PLUNGE SCOTS INTO DARKNESS

I am concerned that David Cameron has said the UK Government will "look" at extending British Summer Time throughout the whole year.

An MP has tabled a Private Member's Bill asking the Government to look at the costs and benefits of moving to either permanent British Summer Time or Double Summer Time. This would have the effect of making

winter evenings lighter but winter mornings darker - apparently the change would be good for English tourism.

When he was asked about this potential bill last week David Cameron said, "We will certainly look at it.....People who like taking part in sporting activity and would like longer days are already quite easy to sway. **That's the key to winning this argument.**"

That phrase tells me that he has already made up his mind that moving the clocks forward one hour on a permanent basis is a good thing.

Shockingly he also said:

"It's always been about the problems of schools and children in the North of England and Scotland."

It seems that the PM would put the hobbies of sportsmen and the interests of English tourism. above the safety of school children. Scotland should not be made to suffer in the dark just to boost the English tourist industry.

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