



## INCREASED TAXES THAT WILL AFFECT YOU!!

### AIRPORT PASSENGER DUTY (APD)

The British Government currently imposes an APD tax (Air Passenger Duty) on all passengers **departing** UK airports. In November 2009 a new tax structure will come into effect:

Band & approx Distance in miles from	In the lowest class of travel (Reduced rate)		In other than the lowest class of travel* (Standard rate)	
	2009-10	2010-11	2009-10	2010-11
Band A (0-2000)	£11	£12	£22	£24
Band B (2001 – 4000)	£45	£60	£90	£120
<b>Band C (4001 – 6000)</b>	<b>£50</b>	<b>£75</b>	<b>£100</b>	<b>£150</b>
Band D (over 6000)	£55	£85	£110	£170

\*(However if only one class of travel is available and that class provides for seating in excess of 40” then the standard (rather than the reduced) rate of APD applies).

The new system will be based on bands, determined by the distance from London to the capital city of an individual country. The Caribbean is placed in **Band C** – because capitals are 4001 – 6000 miles from London. However the entire USA (Alaska, Hawaii and California) is based on Washington which is 4,000 miles!

This is particularly damaging for the Caribbean Diaspora who travel to the Caribbean to visit family and friends.

The tax is doubled for passengers in World Traveller Plus, Premium Economy, Business or First Class. Therefore, by 2010 APD for a family of four travelling to the Caribbean in Premium Economy or World Traveller Plus will be £600!!!

## **THIS IS AN UNJUST TAX AND WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!**

- We are lobbying for the Caribbean to be moved into **Band B** the same as North America so please write to your local MP and protest against this tax. Your MP will need your support at the next General Election so now is the time to show solidarity to their constituents!! To find out the address for your MP contact your local Town Hall or visit the following website: [://www.parliament.uk/directories/directories.cfm](http://www.parliament.uk/directories/directories.cfm)
- You can start a petition or sign the British Government No. 10. petition to object against this unfair tax at the following website: [://petitions.number10.gov.uk/APDIncrease/](http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/APDIncrease/)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

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