

Flybe collapse: Lessons not learned



Responding to the collapse of the regional airline Flybe, Unite national officer for civil aviation Oliver Richardson said:

"The government has not learned the lessons from the original collapse of Flybe. It has failed to introduce the Airline Insolvency Bill, which would have allowed Flybe to continue to operate, avoided passengers being stranded and staff losing their jobs in the middle of the night.

"In recent years the UK has seen the collapse of Monarch, Thomas Cook and Flybe twice, how many more airlines will be allowed to plunge into administration before the government introduces the measures needed to protect the UK's aviation industry and its passengers?"

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Notes to editors

Flybe's administration exposes the vulnerability of UK airline industry

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