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## PM: Firms should raise wages to reflect gains from oil price

London. Companies benefiting from lower oil prices should pass on gains to their employees by raising wages, British Prime Minister David Cameron said. A glut in global oil supplies has caused Brent crude prices to more than halve in little more than six months. Britain's political parties are competing to try to show they can best help voters benefit from the fall, as a national election looms in May.

Cameron, on a trip to the United States, was asked whether he wanted businesses to pass any higher profits from lower oil prices on to workers. "I want to see companies' success passed through in terms of wage increases,"

he was quoted as saying by the BBC yesterday. "It has to be done in a way that's affordable, and in a way that companies can continue to grow. We need to see productivity increase." Cheaper oil has handed Cameron and his ruling Conservative Party a political gift ahead of the election by helping to lower prices for everything from petrol to food and thereby blunting rival Labour's attack over a "cost of living crisis". Sliding oil prices have driven down inflation, so that wages are finally rising faster than prices in the UK, but the main opposition Labour Party argues that, in real terms, workers are worse off now than they were five years ago.

# GREAT HOLIDAY. SHAME ABOUT THE 12 HOUR JOURNEY

● British tourists frustrated at the severe shortage of winter flights which is making their trip to the island complicated and very long.

“ JUST returned from Palma to Edinburgh via Gatwick after a glorious 10 days enjoying great weather, food and drink spending well over 1000 euros on the Island. But it took 12.5 hours for the journey ! Could Ryanair or any other airline not put on one flight a week from either Edinburgh or Glasgow to Palma during the winter months ?

The airlines are happy to take our money during the summer but abandon us during the winter. What ever happened to the premise of supplying a service?" *Regards Gordon Ronaldson, Edinburgh.*

“ IT IS a little bit annoying to us, and I am sure to many other visitors to Majorca, that its climate is on

a par with Mainland Spain, and we can see there are still a handful of hotels and bars etc. open throughout the winter months but we simply cannot get a flight to the island without travelling half around the world to get there. Not to mention the cost or time involved to get there."

*Barker Family  
Yorkshire*

Palma.—THREE days of free entertainment including concerts, folk dancing and much more makes the island an excellent spot for a short holiday this weekend but unfortunately the small number of winter flights means that all the events

will only be enjoyed by local residents. As you will have read above there are many loyal British tourists who are prepared to make the long voyage to Majorca even if it involves a 12 hour trip. Imagine if they could get to the island in a few hours? This

week Ryanair announced that they would be prepared to operate more flights from Britain during the winter if Palma airport was prepared to lower landing fees.

The issue of landing fees urgently needs to be addressed because British

tourists are more than willing to travel to the island over the low season. And as we all know there is plenty happening on the island even in January. Majorca needs to finally resolve its winter transport problems and make winter tourism a reality.



Plenty happening on the island this weekend.



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