

**QANTAS AIRWAYS LIMITED
ABN 16 009 661 901**

PRELIMINARY* MONTHLY TRAFFIC AND CAPACITY STATISTICS

APRIL 2001

Summary of Traffic and Capacity Statistics

Group (comprising international, domestic and regional) passenger numbers for April increased by 6.4 percent compared to April 2000. Traffic for April, measured in Revenue Passenger Kilometres (RPKs), increased by 8.1 percent, while capacity, measured in Available Seat Kilometres (ASKs), increased by 9.8 percent over the previous year. This resulted in a revenue seat factor of 76.2 percent for the month, 1.3 percentage points lower than the previous year.

For the financial year to April, Group passenger numbers increased by 7.9 percent over the previous year. RPKs and ASKs were up 10.2 percent and 9.3 percent respectively, resulting in a revenue seat factor of 76.8 percent, 0.7 percentage points higher than the previous year. International yield excluding exchange for the year to April increased by 1.5 percent, while domestic yield excluding exchange declined by 8.1 percent over the same period.

Recent Developments

Qantas began B717 services to Hobart on 27 May, operating nine daily return services between Melbourne and Hobart. A new non-stop daily return service between Sydney and Hobart will commence in June. Qantas also began operating B717 services between the Gold Coast and Sydney on 1 June, with eight flights a day. This will increase to 10 a day, as additional B717 aircraft are made available by Airconnex. Effective 15 June, Qantas began operating B717s on three non-stop flights each weekday between the Gold Coast and Melbourne. A fourth non-stop service will be added from 1 July. The use of B717s will produce an increase of approximately 10 percent in seat capacity to and from the Gold Coast, and will lift total capacity into and out of Hobart by nearly 13 percent, by next month.

Qantas announced it will increase the number of weekly services it offers between Australia and Buenos Aires to three from 31 October 2001. The additional service will operate from Sydney to Buenos Aires via Auckland, further developing tourism and business growth in one of Qantas' key international markets.

Qantas Freight announced an alliance with Thai Air Cargo to establish an intra-Asian freighter network. Thai Air Cargo is a privately owned airline with Commercial Transport International (CTI) of Bangkok as its major shareholder. The network will be based in Thailand and will provide express operators and exporters with overnight, prime cargo space into major Asian markets. Operations are due to commence in the second half of 2001, using wide-bodied aircraft.

Following the purchase of Pacific Turbine, Qantas Defence Services (QDS) has commenced operation of its new engine and component maintenance facility at Bankstown. The Bankstown base will allow QDS to centralise all of its defence-related operations in the one facility.

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	Month			Financial Year to Date		
	2000/01	1999/00	Change	2000/01	1999/00	Change
Domestic						
Passengers carried ('000) **	955	888	7.5%	9,329	8,921	4.6%
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (m)	1,291	1,168	10.6%	12,335	11,702	5.4%
Available Seat Kilometres (m)	1,554	1,398	11.1%	15,431	14,525	6.2%
Revenue Seat Factor (%)	83.1	83.5	(0.4) pts	79.9	80.6	(0.7) pts
International						
Passengers carried ('000) **#	644	606	6.3%	6,502	5,820	11.7%
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (m) #	4,496	4,174	7.7%	45,216	40,479	11.7%
Available Seat Kilometres (m)	6,017	5,484	9.7%	59,316	53,874	10.1%
Revenue Seat Factor (%)	74.7	76.1	(1.4) pts	76.2	75.1	1.1 pts
Core Airline						
Passengers carried ('000) **#	1,599	1,494	7.0%	15,831	14,741	7.4%
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (m) #	5,787	5,342	8.3%	57,551	52,181	10.3%
Available Seat Kilometres (m)	7,571	6,882	10.0%	74,746	68,399	9.3%
Revenue Seat Factor (%)	76.4	77.6	(1.2) pts	77.0	76.3	0.7 pts
Average Passenger Journey Length	3,619	3,576	1.2%	3,635	3,540	2.7%
Total Group Operations						
Passengers carried ('000) **#	1,858	1,747	6.4%	18,463	17,108	7.9%
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (m) #	5,956	5,512	8.1%	59,288	53,787	10.2%
Available Seat Kilometres (m)	7,815	7,116	9.8%	77,240	70,678	9.3%
Revenue Seat Factor (%)	76.2	77.5	(1.3) pts	76.8	76.1	0.7 pts

Notes

*Any adjustments to preliminary statistics will be included in the year to date results next month. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between the sum of the components of items and the total and in percentage changes which are derived from figures prior to rounding.

** The number of passengers carried is calculated on the basis of origin/destination (ie. one origin/destination journey represents one passenger regardless of the number of stage lengths undertaken).

From 1 July 2000 a new definition for international RPKs and passenger numbers is being used. All international fare paying passengers will be included in both RPKs and number of passengers carried. Previously only international passengers who paid greater than 25% of the published fare were included. There has been no change in the domestic definition which already includes all fare paying passengers. Comparative information has not been adjusted.

Key

(m): Millions

RPKs: The number of paying passengers carried, multiplied by the number of kilometres flown

ASKs: The number of seats available for sale multiplied by the number of kilometres flown