# QANTAS AIRWAYS LIMITED ABN 16 009 661 901

# PRELIMINARY\* MONTHLY TRAFFIC AND CAPACITY STATISTICS AUGUST 2002

# **Summary of Traffic and Capacity Statistics**

# **Month of August 2002**

International traffic, measured in Revenue Passenger Kilometres (RPKs) decreased by 2.5 percent in August 2002 while capacity, measured in Available Seat Kilometres (ASKs), fell by 7.6 percent. This resulted in a revenue seat factor of 79.9 percent, 4.2 percentage points higher than for August 2001.

Domestic RPKs increased by 51.5 percent in August, while ASKs increased by 44.3 percent over the same period. The resulting revenue seat factor of 78.3 percent was 3.7 percentage points higher than the previous year.

August Group (comprising international, domestic and regional) passenger numbers increased by 24.1 percent over the previous year. RPKs increased by 9.6 percent, while ASKs were up 4.0 percent, resulting in a revenue seat factor of 79.3 percent, which was 4.1 percentage points higher than the previous year.

# **Year to Date August 2002**

International revenue seat factor for year to date August 2002 increased by 2.5 percentage points to 81.1 percent when compared with year to date August 2001, while international yield excluding exchange increased by 6.0 percent over the same period. Domestic yield excluding exchange for the financial year to August increased by 5.0 percent. Domestic revenue seat factor increased by 3.9 percentage points to 79.8 percent over the same period.

Group passenger numbers for the year to August increased by 23.6 percent over the previous year. RPKs and ASKs increased by 8.0 percent and 4.2 percent respectively, resulting in a revenue seat factor of 80.5 percent, up 2.8 percentage points from the previous year.

# **Recent Developments**

The 2002 Annual General Meeting of Qantas Airways Limited was held on 17 October in Perth. All Resolutions were passed by shareholders at the meeting.

On 21 October 2002, the Civil Aviation Safety Authority granted Australian Airlines an air operators certificate, which will allow the airline to commence flights on 27 October 2002. Australian Airlines will initially operate four Boeing 767-300 aircraft between Cairns and Nagoya, Osaka, Fukuoka, Taipei, Hong Kong and Singapore.

Qantas announced an interim schedule effective from November 2002. The interim schedule is aimed at redirecting capacity from some Indonesia services to holiday destinations where demand is increasing, including Cairns, Gold Coast, Hamilton Island, Rockhampton, Maroochydore, Perth, Nadi and Singapore. Qantas will continue to assess demand and make further capacity adjustments where required.

Qantas announced that it will extend its CityFlyer service to Perth from January 2003. The new CityFlyer services will operate seven times each day between Sydney and Perth and eight times a day on the Melbourne-Perth route.

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	Month			Financial Year to Date			
Domestic	2002/03	2001/02	Change	2002/03	2001/02	Change	
Passengers carried ('000) **	1,451	985	47.3%	2,936	2,006	46.4%	
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (m)	1,959	1,293	51.5%	3,992	2,664	49.9%	
Available Seat Kilometres (m)	2,500	1,733	44.3%	5,003	3,508	42.6%	
Revenue Seat Factor (%)	78.3	74.6	3.7 pts	79.8	75.9	3.9 pts	
International	2002/03	2001/02	Change	2002/03	2001/02	Change	
Passengers carried ('000) **	733	744	(1.5)%	1,507	1,523	(1.1)%	
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (m)	4,546	4,663	(2.5)%	9,314	9,701	(4.0)%	
Available Seat Kilometres (m)	5,687	6,157	(7.6)%	11,481	12,350	(7.0)%	
Revenue Seat Factor (%)	79.9	75.7	4.2 pts	81.1	78.6	2.5 pts	
Core Airline	2002/03	2001/02	Change	2002/03	2001/02	Change	
Passengers carried ('000) **	2,184	1,729	26.3%	4,443	3,529	25.9%	
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (m)	6,505	5,956	9.2%	13,306	12,365	7.6%	
Available Seat Kilometres (m)	8,188	7,890	3.8%	16,484	15,858	4.0%	
Revenue Seat Factor (%)	79.4	75.5	3.9 pts	80.7	78.0	2.7 pts	
Average Passenger Journey Length	2,978	3,445	(13.5)%	2,995	3,504	(14.5)%	
Total Group Operations	2002/03	2001/02	Change	2002/03	2001/02	Change	
Passengers carried ('000) **	2,505	2,018	24.1%	5,081	4,111	23.6%	
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (m)	6,724	6,137	9.6%	13,741	12,729	8.0%	
Available Seat Kilometres (m)	8,481	8,155	4.0%	17,069	16,385	4.2%	
Revenue Seat Factor (%)	79.3	75.2	4.1 pts	80.5	77.7	2.8 pts	

## Key

(m) 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

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

<sup>\*\*</sup> 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).