

QANTAS AIRWAYS LIMITED

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PRELIMINARY MONTHLY TRAFFIC AND CAPACITY STATISTICS

MAY 2003

Summary of Traffic and Capacity Statistics

Month of May 2003

International traffic, measured in Revenue Passenger Kilometres (RPKs) decreased by 18.7 percent in May 2003 while capacity, measured in Available Seat Kilometres (ASKs), decreased by 11.6 percent. This resulted in a revenue seat factor of 69.8 percent, 6.1 percentage points lower than for May 2002.

Domestic RPKs decreased by 3.0 percent in May, while ASKs increased by 2.1 percent over the same period. The resulting revenue seat factor of 73.9 percent was 3.9 percentage points lower than the previous year.

May Group (comprising International, Domestic, Australian Airlines and QantasLink) passenger numbers decreased by 6.2 percent over the previous year. RPKs decreased by 11.8 percent, while ASKs were down 4.1 percent, resulting in a revenue seat factor of 70.1 percent, which was 6.2 percentage points lower than the previous year.

Financial Year to Date May 2003

International revenue seat factor for year to date May 2003 increased by 0.1 percentage points to 78.3 percent when compared with year to date May 2002, while international yield excluding exchange increased by 2.2 percent over the same period. Domestic yield excluding exchange for the financial year to May decreased by 6.0 percent. Domestic revenue seat factor decreased by 1.5 percentage points to 78.3 percent over the same period.

Group passenger numbers for the year to May increased by 7.0 percent from the previous year. RPKs and ASKs increased by 3.8 percent and 4.8 percent respectively, resulting in a revenue seat factor of 77.6 percent, down 0.8 percentage points from the previous year.

Recent Developments

From 28 July 2003, QantasLink will increase services and improve schedules and capacity on key regional routes operated by its fleet of Dash 8 aircraft. Changes will include an additional daily return service between Newcastle and Melbourne, more frequent use of the larger 50 seat Dash 8 300 aircraft on peak flights between Sydney and Tamworth, and rescheduled services operating weekdays between Melbourne and Mildura. Services to the Queensland regional destinations of Gladstone, Rockhampton and the Gold Coast have also been enhanced by the introduction of the 50 seat Dash 8 300 from June 2003.

The latest addition to Qantas' B737-800 fleet entered commercial operations on 1 July 2003, bringing the total number of B737-800 aircraft to 18. A further B737-800 will be delivered later in July 2003, just 20 months after the first B737-800 delivery.

The fifth B747-400ER aircraft entered commercial service on 10 July 2003. The sixth and final B747-400ER aircraft under the announced fleet plan is due to be delivered during August 2003.

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	Month			Financial Year to Date		
	2002/03	2001/02	Change	2002/03	2001/02	Change
Domestic						
Passengers carried ('000)	1,312	1,306	0.5%	15,504	13,762	12.7%
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (m)	1,750	1,805	(3.0)%	20,762	18,413	12.8%
Available Seat Kilometres (m)	2,368	2,319	2.1%	26,515	23,080	14.9%
Revenue Seat Factor (%)	73.9	77.8	(3.9) pts	78.3	79.8	(1.5) pts
International						
Passengers carried ('000)	530	650	(18.5)%	7,736	7,894	(2.0)%
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (m)	3,355	4,126	(18.7)%	47,273	48,367	(2.3)%
Available Seat Kilometres (m)	4,810	5,439	(11.6)%	60,409	61,874	(2.4)%
Revenue Seat Factor (%)	69.8	75.9	(6.1) pts	78.3	78.2	0.1 pts
Australian Airlines						
Passengers carried ('000)	21	-	na	245	-	na
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (m)	117	-	na	1,391	-	na
Available Seat Kilometres (m)	272	-	na	2,372	-	na
Revenue Seat Factor (%)	43.0	-	na	58.6	-	na
QantasLink						
Passengers carried ('000)	269	316	(14.9)%	3,263	3,347	(2.5)%
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (m)	183	197	(7.1)%	2,153	2,167	(0.6)%
Available Seat Kilometres (m)	259	277	(6.5)%	2,979	3,062	(2.7)%
Revenue Seat Factor (%)	70.7	71.1	(0.5) pts	72.3	70.8	1.5 pts
Total Group Operations						
Passengers carried ('000)	2,132	2,272	(6.2)%	26,748	25,003	7.0%
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (m)	5,405	6,128	(11.8)%	71,579	68,947	3.8%
Available Seat Kilometres (m)	7,709	8,035	(4.1)%	92,275	88,016	4.8%
Revenue Seat Factor (%)	70.1	76.3	(6.2) pts	77.6	78.3	(0.8) 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 (one origin/destination journey represents one passenger regardless of the number of stage lengths undertaken).

Traffic and capacity statistics for Boeing 717 aircraft operating on domestic core airline services are included in domestic.

Australian Airlines commenced operations on 27 October 2002.

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