

# **QANTAS AIRWAYS LIMITED**

ABN 16 009 661 901

## **PRELIMINARY MONTHLY TRAFFIC AND CAPACITY STATISTICS SEPTEMBER 2008**

### **Summary of Traffic and Capacity Statistics**

#### **Month of September 2008**

September Group (comprising Qantas Domestic, QantasLink, Jetstar and Qantas International) passenger numbers decreased by 0.2 per cent over the previous year. RPKs decreased by 2.9 per cent, and ASKs were down 0.3 per cent, resulting in a revenue seat factor of 79.8 per cent, which was 2.1 percentage points lower than the previous year.

#### **Financial Year to Date September 2008**

Group passenger numbers for the financial year to September 2008 decreased by 0.1 per cent from the previous year. RPKs decreased by 1.2 per cent, while ASKs increased by 1.2 per cent, resulting in a revenue seat factor of 79.9 per cent, which was 1.9 percentage points lower than the previous year.

Total Domestic (Qantas, QantasLink and Jetstar domestic operations) yield excluding exchange for the financial year to September 2008 was 2.1 per cent lower when compared to the same period last year. Total International (Qantas and Jetstar international operations) yield excluding exchange increased by 6 per cent compared with the same period the prior year.

#### **Recent Developments**

On 20 October, Qantas became the first airline to operate commercial A380 flights between Australia and the US West Coast, when its inaugural A380 service departed Melbourne for Los Angeles. Qantas said that the flight had saved thousands of kilograms of carbon emissions under a joint initiative with Airservices Australia and the Asia and South Pacific Initiative to Reduce Emissions group (ASPIRE). ASPIRE involves Airservices Australia, the United States Federal Aviation Administration and Airways New Zealand working with airlines on a series of demonstration flights to highlight the potential for reducing emissions on trans-Pacific flights. Under the ASPIRE initiative, the Qantas flight used electrical power on the ground in Los Angeles rather than running its auxiliary power unit, and was given more fuel efficient flight paths using advanced traffic management techniques.

On 28 October, Qantas said it had entered into a Deed of Settlement with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) and, subject to approval by the court of the agreement, would pay a fine of A\$20 million for price fixing conduct in Australia, within its Freight Division. The settlement with the ACCC follows Qantas' settlement in the US in late 2007.

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	Month			Financial Year to Date		
	2008/09	2007/08	Change	2008/09	2007/08	Change
<b>Qantas Domestic</b>						
Passengers carried ('000)	1,407	1,451	(3.0)%	4,222	4,439	(4.9)%
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (m)	2,044	2,116	(3.4)%	6,204	6,471	(4.1)%
Available Seat Kilometres (m)	2,554	2,591	(1.4)%	7,754	7,845	(1.2)%
Revenue Seat Factor (%)	80.0	81.7	(1.7) pts	80.0	82.5	(2.5) pts
<b>QantasLink</b>						
Passengers carried ('000)	354	347	2.0%	1,075	1,067	0.8%
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (m)	257	226	13.6%	787	702	12.1%
Available Seat Kilometres (m)	360	301	19.8%	1,102	925	19.1%
Revenue Seat Factor (%)	71.4	75.3	(3.9) pts	71.5	76.0	(4.5) pts
<b>Jetstar Domestic</b>						
Passengers carried ('000)	673	612	10.1%	2,084	1,860	12.1%
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (m)	767	699	9.9%	2,394	2,148	11.5%
Available Seat Kilometres (m)	933	834	11.9%	2,968	2,563	15.8%
Revenue Seat Factor (%)	82.3	83.8	(1.5) pts	80.7	83.8	(3.1) pts
<b>Qantas International</b>						
Passengers carried ('000)	615	678	(9.3)%	1,930	2,079	(7.2)%
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (m)	4,568	4,929	(7.3)%	14,243	15,125	(5.8)%
Available Seat Kilometres (m)	5,685	5,878	(3.3)%	17,617	18,242	(3.4)%
Revenue Seat Factor (%)	80.3	83.9	(3.6) pts	80.8	82.9	(2.1) pts
<b>Jetstar International</b>						
Passengers carried ('000)	156	123	27.3%	467	342	36.5%
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (m)	642	552	16.2%	2,029	1,516	33.9%
Available Seat Kilometres (m)	840	802	4.8%	2,661	2,157	23.4%
Revenue Seat Factor (%)	76.4	68.9	7.5 pts	76.3	70.3	6.0 pts
<b>Total Group Operations</b>						
Passengers carried ('000)	3,206	3,211	(0.2)%	9,778	9,787	(0.1)%
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (m)	8,278	8,522	(2.9)%	25,658	25,962	(1.2)%
Available Seat Kilometres (m)	10,372	10,405	(0.3)%	32,103	31,732	1.2%
Revenue Seat Factor (%)	79.8	81.9	(2.1) pts	79.9	81.8	(1.9) 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).

**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