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Sydney Airport Traffic Performance April 2012

Pax ('000s) ¹	April 2012			Year to Date		
	Apr-12	Apr-11	Growth (%)	YTD-12	YTD-11	Growth (%)
Domestic	1,999	2,044	-2.2%	7,885	7,971	-1.1%
International ²	998	956	+4.4%	4,063	3,890	+4.5%
DOC ³	8	6	+25.6%	30	19	+55.4%
Total	3,004	3,006	-0.1%	11,978	11,880	+0.8%

¹ Contains estimates with any adjustments to preliminary statistics to be included in the year to date results in future months.

² International excludes Domestic-On-Carriage.

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Sydney Airport CEO, Ms Kerrie Mather, said, "We are pleased to report that international passenger growth at Sydney Airport increased 4.4% for the month. The average international load factor for April was the highest since 2007, and the second highest April on record. The result was driven by positive, balanced contributions from both Australian outbound and foreign inbound markets. Additional capacity on Middle Eastern and Asian routes once again provided the catalyst for this growth.

"AirAsia X's daily service to Kuala Lumpur commenced in April, and has been well received by Australian and Malaysian travellers. The benefit that low cost carriers create in stimulating new demand is evidenced by the 31% increase in Malaysian nationals processed through the International Terminal during the month. The recent trend of strong growth in other key Asian markets also continued, with the Japanese and Chinese markets standouts, growing by more than 20% each.

“In the domestic market, we continue to see capacity additions on business and leisure routes and all domestic airlines have indicated that they will grow services through Sydney. We expect the initiatives, such as Tiger’s new aircraft base, Virgin Australia’s expansion on business routes and Qantas Group’s strengthening of its business and leisure network, to drive domestic growth through the second half of 2012.”

Key Points

- Total passenger traffic for April is estimated to have decreased 0.1% on the pcp, with domestic traffic estimated to be down 2.2% on the pcp and international traffic (excluding domestic on-carriage) up 4.4% on the pcp.
- For international traffic, the major nationality markets that grew included Australia outbound (+4%), Malaysia (+31%), Japan (+28%), China (+22%), Korea (+16%), India (+12%), New Zealand (+6%) and Germany (+6%). The UK (-10%), Indonesia (-6%), France (-6%) and Canada (-1%) were the major nationality markets that declined.
- AirAsia X commenced its daily A330-300 service to Kuala Lumpur on 2 April 2012.
- Hawaiian Airlines upgauged its daily service to Honolulu from B767 to A330-200 aircraft from 27 April 2012, adding 11,000 seats annually to the route.
- Air New Zealand and Virgin Australia will increase the number of seats to Queenstown by 10% during the 2012 ski season.
- Aerolineas Argentinas confirmed its new non-stop service to Buenos Aires, with the current intermediate stop in Auckland to be dropped effective 1 July 2012. The airline will also increase A340 frequencies on the route from three to five from December 2012.
- Skytrans will commence its six times weekly Dash-8 service to Toowoomba on 2 July 2012.
- Qantas announced it will add extra peak services to Brisbane and Melbourne, and reintroduce B747 services to Perth, while Jetstar will increase capacity in key leisure markets. Both airlines will announce timing for the capacity increases in due course.

Last 12 Months Traffic Data

('000s)	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2012	2012	2012	2012	Total	Total	Growth
	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May 11 - Apr 12	May 10 - Apr 11	%
Dom	1,961	1,813	2,056	1,998	2,005	2,057	2,042	2,030	1,968	1,849	2,070	1,999	23,846	24,323	-2.0%
Int	853	875	1,030	928	977	1,027	947	1,107	1,167	931	968	998	11,806	11,408	+3.5%
DOC	4	5	5	5	7	6	7	7	8	7	7	8	77	79	-3.2%
Total	2,817	2,693	3,091	2,932	2,989	3,090	2,996	3,144	3,142	2,787	3,044	3,004	35,729	35,810	-0.2%

All data is for arriving and departing passengers.

All data is taken from management accounts, is provisional and subject to revision.

All data has been rounded to the nearest thousand and in some instances the total may not be equal to the sum of the parts.

Percentage changes have been calculated based on actual figures and not based on rounded balances.

Contains estimates with adjustments made to preliminary data in later months.

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