



ASX Release

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Sydney Airport Traffic Performance May 2012

Pax ('000s) ¹	May 2012			Year to Date		
	May-12	May-11	Growth (%)	YTD-12	YTD-11	Growth (%)
Domestic	1,949	1,961	-0.6%	9,834	9,931	-1.0%
International ²	870	853	+2.0%	4,933	4,742	+4.0%
DOC ³	7	4	+76.3%	37	23	+59.1%
Total	2,826	2,817	+0.3%	14,804	14,697	+0.7%

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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Key emerging markets are performing strongly and carriers are expressing confidence in an uplift in demand by adding capacity on key routes, Sydney Airport said.

"We're very pleased with the performance of key emerging markets in south-east Asia, boosted by the strong performance of new long-haul low cost carriers," Sydney Airport CEO Kerrie Mather said.

"The key highlight for May was the exceptional growth achieved in the Malaysian market, with inbound travel increasing by 43% and Australian outbound travel growing by 30%.

"This very strong growth is directly attributable to AirAsia X's daily low fare service to Kuala Lumpur, which is reporting very healthy load factors on both the inbound and outbound legs. With Scoot now flying a daily 400-seat low fare service to Singapore, Sydney is well positioned to benefit from further growth in Asian markets.

"May is traditionally Sydney's quietest month for international travel, with the number of International passengers processed during the month increasing by 2%. Given the cycling of strong May 2011 traffic due to the late Easter demand last year, it was pleasing to maintain the trend of positive year on year growth.

"The outlook for international and domestic growth remains positive, with a number of recent announcements. Qantas's successful Dallas/Fort Worth service will go daily from 1 July and Philippine Airlines will upgauge to larger aircraft on its Manila service.

"Domestically, Qantas is adding frequencies on key business routes in the coming months, while Jetstar announced a number of service enhancements on key leisure routes to commence from August which will significantly increase domestic low fare seats to and from Sydney".

Key Points

- Total passenger traffic for May is estimated to have increased 0.3% on the pcp, with domestic traffic estimated to be down 0.6% on the pcp and international traffic (excluding domestic on-carriage) up 2.0% on the pcp.
- For international traffic, the major nationality markets that grew included Australia outbound (+2%), Malaysia (+43%), Japan (+13%), India (+11%), China (+9%), New Zealand (+3%), the USA (+3%), France (+2%) and Germany (+2%). The UK (-10%), Korea (-6%) and Canada (-4%) were the major nationality markets that declined.
- Philippine Airlines will upgauge its five times weekly service to Manila, from A330 and A340 aircraft to larger B777-300ER aircraft, from 30 June 2012.
- Qantas will add one weekly B747 frequency to Dallas/Fort Worth, increasing from six times weekly to daily, from 1 July 2012.
- Qantas will increase frequencies on key domestic business routes, adding 11 weekly return services to Melbourne from 9 July 2012 and 11 weekly return services to Brisbane from 23 August 2012.
- Regional Express will commence six weekly direct flights to Mildura and add one return flight each weekday to Broken Hill from 9 July 2012.
- Jetstar will increase frequencies on key domestic leisure routes, including:
 - 21 weekly return services to Melbourne from 16 August 2012;
 - Seven weekly return services to Hobart from 16 August 2012;
 - Seven weekly return services to Adelaide from 15 November 2012;
 - Seven weekly return services to Launceston in November 2012;
 - Seven weekly return services to Gold Coast from 18 April 2013; and
 - Seven weekly return services to Ballina-Byron from 18 April 2013.

Last 12 Months Traffic Data

('000s)	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	Total	Total	Growth
	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun 11 - May 12	Jun 10 - May 11	%
Dom	1,813	2,056	1,998	2,005	2,057	2,042	2,030	1,968	1,849	2,070	1,999	1,949	23,834	24,380	-2.2%
Int	875	1,030	928	977	1,027	947	1,107	1,167	931	968	998	870	11,824	11,470	+3.1%
DOC	5	5	5	7	6	7	7	8	7	7	8	7	80	75	+7.3%
Total	2,693	3,091	2,932	2,989	3,090	2,996	3,144	3,142	2,787	3,044	3,004	2,826	35,738	35,925	-0.5%

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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