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Sydney Airport Traffic Performance December 2016

Pax (‘000s) ¹	Monthly performance			Year to date performance		
	Dec-16	Dec-15	Growth (%)	YTD-16	YTD-15	Growth (%)
Domestic	2,330	2,307	+1.0%	26,929	25,941	+3.8%
International ²	1,472	1,374	+7.2%	14,940	13,715	+8.9%
Total	3,802	3,681	+3.3%	41,870	39,656	+5.6%

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

² International includes Domestic-On-Carriage.

Sydney Airport Managing Director and CEO Kerrie Mather said, “2016 was an outstanding year, with international passenger growth of 8.9%. This was the fastest growth rate we’ve experienced in 12 years and the strongest total passenger traffic growth for six years. We’re proud to have worked with our airline and tourism partners to support aviation and tourism growth in Sydney and NSW, adding almost 2.5 million incremental seats in 2016.”

“In December, international passenger growth was 7.2% compared to the prior corresponding period (pcp). The inbound nationalities underpinning this result were Indonesia (+45.6%), Japan (+29.4%), India (+13.4%), USA (+10.0%) and China (+8.5%). Australian outbound passengers recorded 4.7% growth above the pcp.

“Domestic passenger numbers were 1.0% above pcp for the month and 3.8% for the year. The positive result for December was driven by domestic load factor improvements and larger aircraft during the peak holiday period.

“We also welcomed the announcement of Australia’s first passenger operations of the Boeing B747-8 Intercontinental by Korean Airlines. The aircraft upgauge for the airline’s Seoul service will take effect in September 2017, delivering an incremental 40,320 annualised seats over the Northern Summer season and complementing Korean Airlines’ Airbus A380 operations during the Northern Winter season.”

Key points

- Korean Airlines announced the upgauge of its Seoul service from Airbus A330-300 to Boeing B747-8 during the Northern Summer scheduling period, adding an incremental 40,320 on an annualised basis
- Qantas will operate its four-weekly Boeing B737-800 Bali service on a year-round basis from 26 March 2017, adding 45,000 seats annually
- China Eastern Airlines' new three-weekly Airbus A330-200 service from Wuhan is now on sale from 27 January until 25 March

Top 10 Nationalities Travelling Through Sydney Airport

Rank	Nationality	Dec-16	YTD-16	Rank	Nationality	Dec-16	YTD-16
1	Australia	+4.7%	+6.5%	6	India	+13.4%	+14.4%
2	China	+8.5%	+17.6%	7	Korea	-1.2%	+19.4%
3	New Zealand	+2.7%	+0.6%	8	Japan	+29.4%	+30.5%
4	UK	+2.0%	+4.3%	9	Malaysia	-3.2%	+6.5%
5	USA	+10.0%	+16.8%	10	Indonesia	+45.6%	+15.0%

Due to data availability, nationality growth rates in the table and commentary above are for the period 1-22 December 2016 (for the monthly numbers) and 1 January to 22 December 2016 (for the YTD numbers). Growth rates have been calculated on the equivalent date ranges in the pcp.

Last 12 Months Traffic Data

('000s)	Jan-16 Feb-16 Mar-16 Apr-16 May-16 Jun-16 Jul-16 Aug-16 Sep-16 Oct-16 Nov-16 Dec-16												Total	Total	Growth
	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-16- Dec-16	Jan-15- Dec-15	%
Dom	2,221	2,114	2,301	2,229	2,130	2,055	2,335	2,211	2,287	2,379	2,338	2,330	26,929	25,941	+3.8%
Int	1,433	1,178	1,211	1,202	1,072	1,125	1,331	1,191	1,233	1,274	1,219	1,472	14,940	13,715	+8.9%
Total	3,654	3,292	3,512	3,431	3,201	3,180	3,666	3,402	3,519	3,653	3,558	3,802	41,870	39,656	+5.6%

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.

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