

APPROVED DISPENSATIONS

INDIVIDUAL DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD:

10/06/2008 – 20/06/2008

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: Monday, 16 June 2008

Aircraft: B767-300

Registration: VH-OGG

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Arrival after 11pm

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST

Qantas flight QF566 (Perth to Sydney) was ready to push back at approximately 4:50pm (WA local time) when a fuel leak was discovered on one of the engines. Mandatory safety checks and rectification measures pushed departure from Perth back until 5:50pm (WA local time) with an estimated time of arrival at Sydney Airport at 11:15pm. There were 176 passengers and 9 crew members on board.

Approved: Yes

REASONS FOR APPROVAL

The Delegate was satisfied that the circumstances met the criteria required for issue of a curfew dispensation as the application met all of the three criteria required for consideration. The fault was of immediate origin and could not have been reasonably foreseen. Qantas was unable to make alternative arrangements. The aircraft arrived at Sydney on runway 34L at 11:11pm.

DISPENSATIONS NOT APPROVED

INDIVIDUAL DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD:

10/06/2008 – 20/06/2008

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: Sunday, 15 June 2008
Aircraft: B747-400
Registration: VH-OJS
Operator: Qantas
Operation: Departure after 11pm

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST

Qantas flight QF1 (Sydney to London via Bangkok) underwent scheduled maintenance at 8:30pm for one hour. As passengers were boarding, oil leaks during a filter change were found in two engines. Boarding was held and at 9:40pm passengers were required to offload to allow engine testing. Engineers advised that boarding of the aircraft would not be possible until at least 10:45pm. Qantas applied for a dispensation to depart Sydney Airport no later than 11:15pm. Qantas advised that it was able to locate accommodation for the 326 passengers and 18 crew members onboard.

Approved: No

REASONS FOR DISAPPROVAL

The application did not meet the 'exceptional circumstances' criteria.