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**Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
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Curfew Dispensation Report

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APPROVED DISPENSATIONS – SYDNEY (KINGSFORD SMITH) AIRPORT #05/2026

GRANTED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 10/03/2026 – 22/03/2026

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 16 March 2026

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ769

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-XNJ

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ769 (Adelaide to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to an engineering fault.

After pushback from the gate, the aircraft experienced a flight control issue with its rear wing elevator flaps which required the aircraft to return to the gate for engineering inspection and repair. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time.

Approved: Yes

Reasons for Approval: The Delegate was satisfied that exceptional circumstances existed for the approval of a curfew dispensation.

REFUSED DISPENSATIONS – SYDNEY (KINGSFORD SMITH) AIRPORT #05/2026

REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 10/03/2026 – 22/03/2026

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 18 March 2026

Operator: French Navy

Flight Number: FNY5432

Aircraft: Dassault Falcon 50

Registration: F-YDAL

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: French Navy flight FNY5432 was scheduled to arrive at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport on 21 March 2026 at 05:30 local time and sought a dispensation. A dispensation was not granted as the request was not due to exceptional circumstances.

Approved: No

Reasons for Approval: The Delegate was not satisfied that exceptional circumstances existed for the approval of a curfew dispensation.

Note: This Dispensation Report records all dispensations that are formally approved or refused. The Delegates regularly receive questions by phone from airlines about whether a dispensation is likely to be approved if an application is made.

Where the Delegate advises that a dispensation is unlikely to be approved if an application is made, airlines do not generally make a formal application.

These situations are not recorded in this Dispensation Report.