

APPROVED DISPENSATIONS**INDIVIDUAL DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 25/03/2025 – 21/07/2025****SYDNEY AIRPORT****DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 23 April 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ769

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-VWT

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. A high temperature brake issue was reported during departure preparations at Adelaide Airport which required an engineer to rectify. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:15 local time. JQ769 had 213 passengers including 28 children, 2 infants, 1 wheelchair user and 7 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:10 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 30 April 2025

Operator: Qantas

Flight Number: QF652

Aircraft: B738

Registration: VH-VXS

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF652 (Perth to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to an unplanned airport evacuation. The aircraft was delayed in boarding at Perth Airport due to a terminal evacuation caused by sprinkler system activation. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:40 local time. QF652 had 153 passengers including 1 infant, 1 wheelchair user and 7 crew on-board with cargo of 18kg of blood products. The aircraft arrived at 23:15 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 9 May 2025

Operator: Cathay Pacific Airways

Flight Number: CX138

Aircraft: B777

Registration: B-KPE

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Cathay Pacific Airways flight CX138 (Sydney to Hong Kong) was delayed departing from Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to an engineering fault. There was a technical issue with the aircraft's ram air inlet door used to cool underside equipment that required repair. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:40 local time. CX138 had 271 passengers including 1 infant, 3 wheelchair users and 16 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:09 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 14 May 2025

Operator: Malaysia Airlines

Flight Number: MH140

Aircraft: A333

Registration: 9M-MTN

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Malaysia Airlines flight MH140 (Sydney to Kuala Lumpur) was delayed departing from Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to an engineering fault. During the departure preparation process a fuel trim tank transfer fault error occurred. An engineer was required to attend to clear the error message and perform checks before the aircraft could depart. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:45 local time. MH140 had 224 passengers including 15 wheelchair users and 11 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:34 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 15 May 2025

Operator: AirAsia X

Flight Number: D7221

Aircraft: A330

Registration: 9M-XXW

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: AirAsia X flight D7221 (Sydney to Kuala Lumpur) was delayed departing from Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to an engineering fault. Pushback was delayed due to a broken pushback tug which was locked to the aircraft. After removal of the pushback lug, an engine thrust error was identified when the aircraft was powered up which required the aircraft to return to the gate for an on-board reset. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. D7221 had 306 passengers including 14 children, 2 infants, 3 wheelchair users and 10 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:41 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 3 June 2025

Operator: AirAsia X

Flight Number: D7221

Aircraft: A330

Registration: 9M-XXF

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: AirAsia X flight D7221 (Sydney to Kuala Lumpur) was delayed departing from Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to an engineering fault. After push-back an error message occurred with the anti-ice probe which required engineer repairs before departure. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. D7221 had 275 passengers including 24 children, 4 infants, 1 wheelchair user and 10 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:55 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 11 June 2025

Operator: Qantas

Flight Number: QF496

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VXC

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF496 (Melbourne to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to an engineering fault. The aircraft aborted its initial take-off due to an error on the master warning light for the rear door. The aircraft returned to the gate for engineering inspection and repair. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:25 local time. QF496 had 98 passengers and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:21 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 14 June 2025

Operator: Air India

Flight Number: AI301

Aircraft: B787

Registration: VT-ANK

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Air India flight AI301 (Sydney to Delhi) was delayed departing from Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to an engineering fault. The aircraft displayed faulty emergency lighting on rows 25 through to 28 prior to departure which required engineers to attend. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:45 local time. AI301 had 236 passengers including 35 wheelchair passengers and 17 crew onboard. The aircraft departed at 23:38 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 17 June 2025

Operator: Qantas

Flight Number: QF499

Aircraft: B738

Registration: VH-VYB

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF499 (Sydney to Melbourne) was delayed departing from Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to an engineering fault. Prior to departure a thrust reverser fault was identified which was unable to be rectified. Passengers had to be deplaned and cargo had to be offloaded for an aircraft swap. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:30 local time. QF499 had 143 passengers including 1 infant and 6 crew on-board and cargo of 11kg of blood and Saving Human Life must ride medical equipment. The aircraft departed at 23:18 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 25 June 2025

Operator: Qantas

Flight Number: QF498

Aircraft: B738

Registration: VH-VXB

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF498 (Melbourne to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to air traffic management issues. Airservices Australia advised of airborne holding delays at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to a weather event after the flight had departed. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:15 local time. QF489 had 98 passengers and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:01 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 25 June 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ987

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-OYU

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ987 (Perth to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to air traffic management issues. Airservices Australia advised of holding delays at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to a weather event after the flight had departed. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:15 local time. JQ987 had 218 passengers including 2 infants, 2 passengers requiring assistance and 7 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:04 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 25 June 2025

Operator: Qantas

Flight Number: QF652

Aircraft: B738

Registration: VH-VXI

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF652 (Perth to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to air traffic management issues. Airservices Australia advised of holding delays at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to a weather event. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:20 local time. QF652 had 153 passengers, 6 crew on-board and cargo of 12kg of live human organs. The aircraft arrived at 23:06 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 25 June 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ789

Aircraft: A330

Registration: VH-VFK

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ789 (Sunshine Coast to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to air traffic management issues.

Airservices Australia advised of an airborne holding delay at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to a weather event after the flight had departed. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:15 local time. JQ789 had 135 passengers including 9 children, 1 infant, 1 passenger requiring assistance and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:09 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 25 June 2025

Operator: Virgin Australia

Flight Number: VA443

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VUR

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Virgin Australia flight VA443 (Adelaide to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to an engineering fault. A defect with the auto-land system was identified which had to be checked and added to the Minimum Equipment List and Flight Log by an engineer prior to departure. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:45 local time. VA443 had 134 passengers including 3 infants, 1 child, 1 passenger requiring assistance and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:16 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 1 July 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ421

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VFD

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ421 (Gold Coast to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to air traffic management issues. Due to a weather event, a ground delay program was activated creating network issues which delayed the flight's arrival. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:20 local time. JQ421 had 154 passengers including 5 children and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:01 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 1 July 2025

Operator: Emirates

Flight Number: EK414

Aircraft: A380

Registration: A6-EVP

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Emirates flight EK414 (Dubai to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to air traffic management issues. Due to a weather event, a ground delay program was activated creating network issues which delayed the flight's arrival. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. EK414 had 422 passengers and 29 crew on-board and cargo including pharmaceuticals. The aircraft arrived at 23:04 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 1 July 2025

Operator: Qantas

Flight Number: QF652

Aircraft: B738

Registration: VH-VXQ

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF652 (Perth to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to air traffic management issues. Airservices Australia advised of airborne holding delays at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to a weather event after the flight had departed which caused network issues which delayed this flight's arrival. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:25 local time. QF652 had 77 passengers and 6 crew onboard and cargo of 104kg of blood. The aircraft arrived at 23:10 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 1 July 2025

Operator: QantasLink

Flight Number: QF1459

Aircraft: Dash 8

Registration: VH-TQM

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: QantasLink flight QF1459 (Sydney to Canberra) was delayed departing from Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to air traffic management issues. Due to a weather event, a ground delay program was activated creating network issues which delayed the flight's departure. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:30 local time. QF1459 had 50 passengers and 4 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:42 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 6 July 2025

Operator: Malaysia Airlines

Flight Number: MH141

Aircraft: A330

Registration: 9M-MTJ

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Malaysian Airlines flight MH141 (Kuala Lumpur to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to an airborne hold pattern which caused the aircraft to divert to Melbourne Airport to refuel. The hold pattern was put in place at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to thunderstorms. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. MH141 had 281 passengers including 15 wheelchair users, 4 infants and 10 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:01 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 13 July 2025

Operator: Virgin Australia

Flight Number: VA441

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-YIE

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Virgin Australia flight VA441 (Adelaide to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to an engineering fault. A generator fault was identified which would have precluded safe operation at night and an aircraft change was required. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:35 local time. VA441 had 178 passengers including 80 youths under 18 years of age and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:24 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 14 July 2025

Operator: Virgin Australia

Flight Number: VA996

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-YQR

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Virgin Australia flight VA996 Brisbane to Sydney was delayed arriving at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to an engineering fault. The aircraft experienced a weather radar engineering issue after pushback and had to return to the gate for engineers to troubleshoot causing a delay in take-off. The defect was cleared by engineers and the aircraft was deemed serviceable. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:45 local time. VA996 had 117 passengers including 5 children, 1 infant, 1 infant, 5 children, 1 wheelchair user and 9 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:10 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

INDIVIDUAL REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 25/03/2025 – 21/07/2025**DETAILS OF REFUSED DISPENSATION**

Date: 28 March 2025

Operator: Air India

Flight Number: AI301

Aircraft: B787

Registration: VT-ANV

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Air India flight AI301 (Sydney to Delhi) was delayed in departing from Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to an engineering fault requiring an aircraft swap.

A dispensation was not granted for take-off due to the delay occurring in the previous sector, which does not meet the criteria required to issue a curfew dispensation for take-off from Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport. AI301 had 254 passengers and 17 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:15 local time after being granted pre-curfew taxiing clearance.

Approved: No

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

DETAILS OF REFUSED DISPENSATION

Date: 16 June 2025

Operator: National Airlines

Flight Number: NCR860

Aircraft: B747

Registration: N936CA

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: National Airlines flight (NCR860 Los Angeles to Sydney) requested a dispensation to land at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport as the aircraft had experienced a delay in the previous sector due to late cargo movements at Los Angeles Airport. A dispensation for landing was not granted as the circumstances for the delay were not exceptional as the delay occurred in the previous sector, which does not meet the criteria required to issue a curfew dispensation for landing at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport. NCR860 was a cargo flight with 2 crew on-board.

Approved: No

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

DETAILS OF REFUSED DISPENSATION

Date: 2 July 2025

Operator: Turkish Airlines

Flight Number: TK175

Aircraft: A350

Registration: TC-LHC

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Turkish Airlines flight TK175 (Sydney to Kuala Lumpur) requested a dispensation to depart from Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to a delay in the previous sector (Istanbul to Sydney). The flight expected further delays at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to adverse weather. A dispensation for take-off from Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport was not granted as the circumstances for the delay were not exceptional as it occurred in the previous sector, which does not meet the criteria required to issue a curfew dispensation for take-off from Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport. TK175 had 320 passengers and 11 crew on-board.

Approved: No

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

DETAILS OF REFUSED DISPENSATION

Date: 6 July 2025

Operator: Malaysia Airlines

Flight Number: MH140

Aircraft: A330

Registration: 9M-MTJ

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Malaysia Airlines flight MH140 (Sydney to Kuala Lumpur) requested a dispensation to depart from Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to previous sector delays. The aircraft had been granted a dispensation to land at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport (MH141 Kuala Lumpur to Sydney) as the aircraft was required to divert to Melbourne Airport to refuel due to being held in a 60-minute holding pattern due to a severe thunderstorm. An additional dispensation for take-off was not granted as the circumstances for the delay were not exceptional as the delay occurred in the previous sector, which does not meet the criteria required to issue a curfew dispensation for take-off from Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport. MH140 had 281 passengers including 10 wheelchair users and 12 crew on-board.

Approved: No

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

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APPROVED DISPENSATIONS

INDIVIDUAL DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 25/03/2025 – 21/07/2025

ADELAIDE AIRPORT

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 21 April 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ768

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-A5C

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ768 (Sydney to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to air traffic management limitations at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport. Poor weather conditions had reduced runway operations and created taxiing congestions. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. JQ768 had 154 passengers including 6 children, 1 infant and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:08 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 21 April 2025

Operator: Qantas

Flight Number: QF749

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VZX

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF749 (Sydney to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to an engineering fault. After pushback from the gate, the aircraft reported an Instrument Landing System fault which required a return to gate for engineer repairs. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. QF749 had 131 passengers and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:19 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 21 April 2025

Operator: Virgin Australia

Flight Number: VA723

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VUE

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Virgin Australia flight VA723 (Adelaide to Perth) was delayed departing from Adelaide Airport due to air traffic management limitations in the previous sector. The previous sector flight (VA442 Sydney to Adelaide) was delayed departing Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to adverse weather conditions which caused longer taxiing times. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:30 local time. VA723 had 161 passengers and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:17 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 23 June 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ689

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-OYP

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar flight JQ689 (Darwin to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to delays in previous sector. The previous sector flight (JQ688 Adelaide to Darwin) was delayed in departure due to damage to the L2 door frame that required repair. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. JQ689 had 204 passengers including 4 children, 3 passengers requiring assistance, 2 infants and 7 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:11 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 29 June 2025

Operator: Virgin Australia

Flight Number: VA723

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-YFH

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Virgin Australia flight VA723 (Adelaide to Perth) was delayed departing from Adelaide Airport due to an engineering fault uncovered during boarding at the proceeding sector. An unserviceable cabin interphone needed to be replaced and tested. No replacement crew were available at Adelaide for an alternate flight to be arranged. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:15 local time. VA723 had 82 passengers including 1 infant and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:05 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 29 June 2025

Operator: Virgin Australia

Flight Number: VA248

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VBY

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Virgin Australia flight VA248 (Adelaide to Melbourne) was delayed in departing from Adelaide Airport due to an engineering fault uncovered during boarding at the proceeding sector. An unserviceable cabin interphone needed to be replaced and tested. No replacement crew were available at Adelaide for an alternate flight to be arranged. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:35 local time. VA248 had 67 passengers including 6 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:34.

Approved: Yes

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

GOLD COAST AIRPORT**DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 23 April 2025

Operator: Virgin Australia

Flight Number: VA754

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VUP

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Virgin Australia flight VA754 (Gold Coast to Melbourne) was delayed departing from Gold Coast Airport due to an engineering fault. The original aircraft reported a technical fault and returned to the gate, and an aircraft swap was completed. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:15 local time. VA754 had 156 passengers including 2 wheelchair users, 1 infant and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:05 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 2 June 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JST420

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VQG

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ420 (Sydney to Gold Coast) was delayed in arriving at Gold Coast Airport due to issues with the crewing of the aircraft. A crew member became unwell and needed to be replaced prior to departure. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:45 local time. JST420 had 153 passengers including 9 children, 1 infant and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:28 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

ESSENDON FIELDS AIRPORT

There were no approved dispensations for Essendon Fields Airport during this period.

REFUSED DISPENSATIONS

INDIVIDUAL REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 25/03/2025 – 21/07/2025

ADELAIDE AIRPORT

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 23 March 2025

Operator: Alliance Airlines

Flight Number: nil

Aircraft: E190

Registration:

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Alliance Airways requested a dispensation for a planned charter flight on 12 July 2025 (Adelaide to Brisbane). The charter flight had a scheduled departure of 22:45 local time. Alliance Airways requested a pre-emptive dispensation if their departure was delayed to after 23:00 local time. The dispensation was not granted as the flight was scheduled ahead of time and no exceptional circumstances existed. Alliance Airways was advised of the dispensation process.

Approved: No

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

GOLD COAST AIRPORT

There were no refused dispensations for Gold Coast Airport during this period.

ESSENDON FIELDS AIRPORT

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