

Appendix 4B (equity accounted)

Half yearly report

Name of entity			
QANTAS AIRWAYS LIMITED			
ACN, ARBN or ARSN	Half yearly	Preliminary final	Half year ended (‘current period’)
009 661 901	✓		31 DECEMBER 1999

Equity accounted results for announcement to the market

		\$Am
Sales (or equivalent operating) revenue (<i>item 1.1</i>)	up 4.9% to	4,508.7
Abnormal items after tax attributable to members (<i>item 2.5</i>)	gain of	82.0
Operating profit after tax (before amortisation of goodwill) attributable to members (<i>item 1.26</i>)	up 51.3% to	338.6
Operating profit after tax attributable to members (<i>item 1.10</i>)	up 51.5% to	337.8
Extraordinary items after tax attributable to members (<i>item 1.13</i>)	-	-
Operating profit and extraordinary items after tax attributable to members (<i>item 1.16</i>)	up 51.5% to	337.8
Dividends (distributions)	Amount per security	Franked amount per security at 36% tax
Interim dividend (<i>item 15.6</i>)	11.0¢	11.0¢
Previous corresponding period (<i>item 15.7</i>)	8.0¢	8.0¢
Record date for determining entitlements to the dividend (<i>item 15.2</i>)	1 March 2000	
Brief explanation of omission of directional and percentage changes to profit in accordance with Note 1 and short details of any bonus or cash issue or other item(s) of importance not previously released to the market:		
Refer to attached Media Release and attachments to Half Yearly Report.		

Consolidated profit and loss account

		Current period \$Am	Previous corresponding period \$Am
1.1	Sales (or equivalent operating) revenue	4,508.7	4,298.8
1.2	Share of associates' "net profit attributable to members" (equal to item 16.7)	-	-
1.3	Other revenue	105.5	109.8
1.4	Operating profit before abnormal items and tax	414.8	354.2
1.5	Abnormal items before tax (detail in item 2.4)	57.8	-
1.6	Operating profit before tax (items 1.4 + 1.5)	472.6	354.2
1.7	Less tax	(134.6)	(132.1)
1.8	Operating profit after tax but before outside equity interests	338.0	222.1
1.9	(Less)/plus outside equity interests	(0.2)	0.8
1.10	Operating profit after tax attributable to members	337.8	222.9
1.11	Extraordinary items after tax (detail in item 2.6)	-	-
1.12	Less outside equity interests	-	-
1.13	Extraordinary items after tax attributable to members	-	-
1.14	Total operating profit and extraordinary items after tax (items 1.8 + 1.11)	338.0	222.1
1.15	Operating profit and extraordinary items after tax attributable to outside equity interests (items 1.9 + 1.12)	(0.2)	0.8
1.16	Operating profit and extraordinary items after tax attributable to members (items 1.10 + 1.13)	337.8	222.9
1.17	Retained profits at beginning of financial period	1,124.1	1,094.1
1.18	Adjustment due to change in accounting policy	-	-
1.19	Aggregate of amounts transferred from reserves	-	-
1.20	Total available for appropriation	1,461.9	1,317.0
1.21	Dividends provided for or paid	(133.3)	(95.0)
1.22	Aggregate of amounts transferred to reserves	-	-
1.23	Retained profits at end of financial period	1,328.6	1,222.0

Profit restated to exclude amortisation of goodwill

	Current period \$Am	Previous corresponding period \$Am
1.24 Operating profit after tax before outside equity interests (item 1.8) and amortisation of goodwill	338.8	223.0
1.25 (Less)/plus outside equity interests	(0.2)	0.8
1.26 Operating profit after tax (before amortisation of goodwill) attributable to members	338.6	223.8

Intangible, abnormal and extraordinary items

		<i>Consolidated - Current Period</i>			
		Before tax	Related tax	Related outside equity interests	Amount (after tax) attributable to members
		\$Am	\$Am	\$Am	\$Am
2.1	Amortisation of goodwill	(0.8)	-	-	(0.8)
2.2	Amortisation of other intangibles	-	-	-	-
2.3	Total amortisation of intangibles	(0.8)	-	-	(0.8)
2.4	Abnormal items				
	Profit on sale of part of the investment in EQUANT NV	57.8	(20.8)	-	37.0
	Tax benefit related to the restatement of deferred tax balances as a result of the change in corporate tax rates	-	45.0	-	45.0
2.5	Total abnormal items	57.8	24.2	-	82.0
2.6	Extraordinary items	-	-	-	-
2.7	Total extraordinary items	-	-	-	-

Intangible, abnormal and extraordinary items (continued)

	<i>Consolidated - Previous corresponding period</i>			
	Before tax	Related tax	Related outside equity interests	Amount (after tax) attributable to members
	\$Am	\$Am	\$Am	\$Am
Amortisation of goodwill	(0.9)	-	-	(0.9)
Amortisation of other intangibles	-	-	-	-
Total amortisation of intangibles	(0.9)	-	-	(0.9)
Abnormal items	-	-	-	-
Total abnormal items	-	-	-	-
Extraordinary items	-	-	-	-
Total extraordinary items	-	-	-	-

Comparison of half year profits

(Preliminary final report only)

		Current year \$Am	Previous year \$Am
3.1	Consolidated operating profit after tax attributable to members reported for the 1st half year (item 1.10 in the half yearly report)		
3.2	Consolidated operating profit after tax attributable to members for the 2nd half year		

Consolidated balance sheet

		At end of current period \$Am	As shown in last annual report \$Am	As in last half yearly report \$Am
Current assets				
4.1	Cash	16.7	43.0	83.9
4.2	Receivables	1,371.1	1,855.3	1,264.6
	Net receivables under hedge/swap contracts	185.1	157.5	206.5
4.3	Investments	-	-	-
4.4	Inventories	266.3	240.3	228.1
4.5	Other	109.4	88.1	67.1
4.6	Total current assets	1,948.6	2,384.2	1,850.2
Non-current assets				
4.7	Receivables	619.4	590.8	645.5
	Net receivables under hedge/swap contracts	1,666.3	1,478.9	1,560.6
4.8	Investments in associates	32.9	32.9	32.9
4.9	Other investments	2.2	2.3	6.2
4.10	Inventories	-	-	-
4.11	Exploration and evaluation expenditure capitalised	-	-	-
4.12	Development properties (mining entities)	-	-	-
4.13	Other property, plant and equipment (net)	6,998.9	6,653.0	6,433.0
4.14	Intangibles (net)	26.0	26.7	27.8
4.15	Other	42.9	57.8	41.3
4.16	Total non-current assets	9,388.6	8,842.4	8,747.3
4.17	Total assets	11,337.2	11,226.6	10,597.5
Current liabilities				
4.18	Accounts payable	1,662.0	1,521.2	1,423.7
4.19	Borrowings	303.3	496.6	383.1
	Net payables under hedge/swap contracts	219.8	190.2	232.2
4.20	Provisions	643.0	820.0	579.9
4.21	Other:			
	Revenue received in advance	1,025.8	1,012.5	884.4
	Deferred lease benefits/income	42.7	38.9	42.4
4.22	Total current liabilities	3,896.6	4,079.4	3,545.7
Non-current liabilities				
4.23	Accounts payable	-	-	-
4.24	Borrowings	2,558.4	2,577.7	2,340.1
	Net payables under hedge/swap contracts	418.2	312.9	377.1
4.25	Provisions	730.7	752.8	740.2
4.26	Other:			
	Deferred lease benefits/income	433.4	410.9	438.8
	Other non-current liabilities	34.2	33.0	31.1
4.27	Total non-current liabilities	4,174.9	4,087.3	3,927.3
4.28	Total liabilities	8,071.5	8,166.7	7,473.0
4.29	Net assets	3,265.7	3,059.9	3,124.5

Consolidated balance sheet (continued)

	At end of current period \$Am	As shown in last annual report \$Am	As in last half yearly report \$Am
Equity			
4.30 Capital	1,882.0	1,882.0	1,848.1
4.31 Reserves	53.8	52.8	53.5
4.32 Retained profits	1,328.6	1,124.1	1,222.0
4.33 Equity attributable to members of the parent entity	3,264.4	3,058.9	3,123.6
4.34 Outside equity interests in controlled entities	1.3	1.0	0.9
4.35 Total equity	3,265.7	3,059.9	3,124.5
4.36 Preference capital included as part of 4.33	-	-	-

Exploration and evaluation expenditure capitalised

Not applicable

Development properties

Not applicable

Consolidated statement of cash flows

	Current period \$Am	Previous corresponding period \$Am
Cash flows related to operating activities		
7.1 Receipts from customers	4,362.9	4,391.6
7.2 Payments to suppliers and employees	(3,556.4)	(3,643.1)
7.3 Dividends received from associates	9.1	5.4
7.4 Other dividends received	-	-
7.5 Interest and other items of similar nature received	42.4	40.4
7.6 Interest and other costs of finance paid	(94.1)	(79.4)
7.7 Income taxes paid	(158.0)	(180.8)
7.8 Other	-	-
7.9 Net operating cash flows	605.9	534.1
Cash flows related to investing activities		
7.10 Payment for purchases of property, plant and equipment	(650.0)	(809.3)
Payment for aircraft security deposits	(8.1)	(5.5)
Total payments for purchases of property, plant and equipment and aircraft security deposits	(658.1)	(814.8)
7.11 Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	5.9	74.7
7.12 Payment for purchases of equity investments	-	-
7.13 Proceeds from sale of equity investments	58.0	-
7.14 Loans to other entities	-	-
7.15 Loans repaid by other entities	-	-
7.16 Other:		
Payments for investments acquired net of cash	-	(0.5)
Proceeds from sale and leaseback of property, plant and equipment	477.2	467.0
7.17 Net investing cash flows	(117.0)	(273.6)

Consolidated statement of cash flows (continued)

		Current period \$Am	Previous corresponding period \$Am
Cash flows related to financing activities			
7.18	Proceeds from issues of securities (shares, options, etc.)	-	34.4
7.19	Proceeds from borrowings/swaps	50.1	-
7.20	Repayment of borrowings/swaps	(404.8)	(123.5)
	Debt prepayments	(477.2)	(467.0)
	Total Debt repayments	(882.0)	(590.5)
7.21	Dividends paid	(296.6)	(47.9)
7.22	Other	-	-
7.23	Net financing cash flows	(1,128.5)	(604.0)
7.24	Net increase (decrease) in cash held	(639.6)	(343.5)
7.25	Cash at beginning of period (see <i>Reconciliation of Cash</i>)	893.7	710.7
7.26	Exchange rate adjustments to item 7.24	-	-
7.27	Cash at end of period (see <i>Reconciliation of cash</i>)	254.1	367.2

Non-cash financing and investing activities

Details of financing and investing transactions which have had a material effect on consolidated assets and liabilities but did not involve cash flows are as follows.

During the six months ended 31 December 1999 the Group entered into new finance lease arrangements for property, plant and equipment totalling \$477.2m (\$467.0m in the previous corresponding period) which were fully prepaid and therefore appropriate cash flow movements have been reflected in the Statement of Cash Flows.

Reconciliation of cash

Reconciliation of cash at the end of the period (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts is as follows:

		Current period \$Am	Previous corresponding period \$Am
8.1	Cash on hand and at bank	15.8	50.2
8.2	Deposits at call	-	-
8.3	Bank overdraft	(1.5)	-
8.4	Other:		
	Cash on call	0.9	33.7
	Short term money market securities and term deposits	238.9	283.3
8.5	Total cash at end of period (item 7.27)	254.1	367.2

Ratios

		Current period	Previous corresponding period
	Profit before abnormals and tax / sales		
9.1	Consolidated operating profit before abnormal items and tax (item 1.4) as a percentage of sales revenue (item 1.1)	9.2%	8.2%
	Profit after tax / equity interests		
9.2	Consolidated operating profit after tax attributable to members (item 1.10) as a percentage of equity (similarly attributable) at the end of the period (item 4.33)	10.3%	7.1%
	Consolidated operating profit after tax attributable to members as a percentage of equity (similarly attributable) including the notional capitalisation of non-cancellable operating leases on a hedged basis at the end of the period	10.7%	7.6%

Earnings per security (EPS)

		Current period	Previous corresponding period
10.1	Calculation of the following in accordance with AASB 1027: <i>Earnings per Share</i>		
	(a) Basic EPS	28.0¢	18.9¢
	(b) Diluted EPS (if materially different from (a))	n/a	n/a
	(c) Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in the calculation of the Basic EPS	1,207.5m	1,179.4m

NTA backing

		Current period	Previous corresponding period
11.1	Net tangible asset backing per ordinary security	\$2.67	\$2.60

Details of specific receipts and outlays, revenues and expenses

		Current period \$Am	Previous corresponding period \$Am
12.1	Interest revenue included in determining item 1.4	41.6	35.1
12.2	Interest revenue included in item 12.1 but not yet received	-	-
12.3	Interest expense included in item 1.4	104.9	96.5
12.4	Interest costs excluded from item 12.3 and capitalised in asset values (if material)	-	-
12.5	Outlays (except those arising from the acquisition of an existing business) capitalised in intangibles (if material)	-	-
12.6	Depreciation and amortisation (excluding amortisation of intangibles)	307.2	247.8
	Non cancellable operating lease payments	49.6	59.1
	Cancellable operating lease payments	72.4	75.2

Control gained over entities having material effect

No control gained over entities during the half-year has had a material effect on the current year results.

Loss of control of entities having material effect

No control lost over entities during the half-year has had a material effect on the current year results.

Reports for industry and geographical segments

Qantas operates predominantly in one industry segment, being the transportation of passengers and freight on services within and to or from Australia.

Passenger, freight and other services revenue from domestic services within Australia is attributed to the Australian area. Passenger, freight and other services revenue from inbound and outbound services between Australia and overseas is allocated proportionately to the area in which the sale was made. Other operating revenue is not allocated to a geographic area as it is impractical to do so.

For the half-year ended 31 December 1999, the principal assets of the business comprised the aircraft fleet, all, except two of which, were registered and domiciled in Australia. These assets are used flexibly across the route network. Accordingly there is no suitable basis of allocating such assets and the related liabilities between geographic areas.

Operating profit resulting from turnover generated in each geographic area according to origin of sale is not disclosed as it is neither practical nor meaningful to allocate the Group's operating expenditure on that basis.

Disclosure is made of a more appropriate measure of profit contributions in accordance with the internal reporting system of Qantas, between the earnings before interest and tax contributed by the international and domestic airline operations and subsidiary operations (refer attachments).

Analysis of sales and operating revenue by geographic area	Current period \$Am	Previous period \$Am
Passenger, freight and other services revenue		
Australia	2,338.5	2,144.3
United Kingdom and Europe	403.0	403.3
Japan	314.2	300.1
South East Asia/North East Asia	321.7	334.9
America and the Pacific	366.2	324.1
Other regions	160.9	186.3
	3,904.5	3,693.0
Other operating revenue		
Tours and travel	281.4	274.3
Miscellaneous revenue	322.8	331.5
Total sales and operating revenue	4,508.7	4,298.8
Other revenue		
Interest revenue	41.6	35.1
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	5.9	74.7
Proceeds from sale of investments (abnormal item)	58.0	-
Total other revenue	105.5	109.8
Total revenue	4,614.2	4,408.6

Dividends

15.1	Date the dividend is payable	29 March 2000
15.2	Record date to determine entitlements to the dividend (ie on the basis of registrable transfers received up to 5.00pm if securities are not CHES approved, or security holding balances established by 5.00pm or such later time permitted by SCH Business Rules if securities are CHES approved)	1 March 2000
15.3	If it is a final dividend, has it been declared? (<i>Preliminary final report only</i>)	

Amount per security

		Amount per security	Franked amount per security at 36% tax	Amount per security of foreign source dividend
15.4	<i>(Preliminary final report only)</i> Final Dividend: Current year			
15.5	Previous year			
15.6	<i>(Half yearly and preliminary final reports)</i> Interim Dividend: Current year	11.0¢	11.0¢	-
15.7	Previous year	8.0¢	8.0¢	-

Total dividend per security (interim plus final)

(Preliminary final report only)

		Current year	Previous year
15.8	Ordinary securities		
15.9	Preference securities		

Interim dividend on all securities

		Current period \$Am	Previous corresponding period \$Am
15.10	Ordinary securities	133.3	95.0
15.11	Preference securities	-	-
15.12	Total	133.3	95.0

The dividend plan shown below is in operation:

The Dividend Reinvestment Plan was suspended in August 1999.
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The last date for receipt of election notices for the dividend plan	Not applicable.
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Any other disclosures in relation to dividends:

None.

Details of aggregate share of profits/(losses) of associates

Entity's share of associates':	Current period \$Am	Previous corresponding period \$Am
16.1 Operating profit (loss) before income tax	-	-
16.2 Income tax expense	-	-
16.3 Operating profit (loss) after income tax	-	-
16.4 Extraordinary items net of tax	-	-
16.5 Net profit (loss)	-	-
16.6 Outside equity interests	-	-
16.7 Net profit (loss) attributable to members	-	-

Material interests in entities which are not controlled entities

The economic entity has an interest (that is material to it) in the following entities:

Name of entity	Percentage of ownership interest held at end of period or date of disposal		Contribution to operating profit (loss) and extraordinary items after tax (item 1.14)	
	Current period	Previous corresponding period	Current period \$Am	Previous corresponding period \$Am
17.1 Equity accounted associates	-	-	-	-
17.2 Total	-	-	-	-
17.3 Other material interests	-	-	-	-
17.4 Total	-	-	-	-

Issued and quoted securities at end of current period

Category of securities	Total number	Number quoted	Issue price per security (cents)	Amount paid up per security (cents)
18.1 Preference securities	-	-	-	-
18.2 Changes during current period				
(a) Increases through issues	-	-	-	-
(b) Decreases through returns of capital, buy-backs, redemptions	-	-	-	-
18.3 Ordinary securities	1,211,059,282	1,211,059,282	n/a	n/a
18.4 Changes during current period				
(a) Increases through issues	5,666,752	5,666,752	n/a	n/a
(b) Decreases through returns of capital, buy-backs	-	-	-	-
18.5 Convertible debt securities	-	-	-	-
18.6 Changes during current period				
(a) Increases through issues	-	-	-	-
(b) Decreases through securities matured, converted	-	-	-	-
18.7 Options			<i>Exercise price</i>	<i>Expiry date</i>
18.8 Issued during current period	-	-	-	-
18.9 Exercised during current period	-	-	-	-
18.10 Expired during current period	-	-	-	-
18.11 Debentures (totals only)	-	-		
18.12 Unsecured notes (totals only)	-	-		

Comments by directors

Refer to attached Media Release and attachments to Half Yearly Report.
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Basis of accounts preparation

Material factors affecting the revenues and expenses of the economic entity for the current period:

Refer to attached Media Release and attachments to Half Yearly Report.
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Basis of accounts preparation (continued)

A description of each event since the end of the current period which has had a material effect and is not related to matters already reported, with financial effect quantified (if possible):

None.

Franking credits available and prospects for paying fully or partly franked dividends for at least the next year:

It is anticipated that the dividends for the financial year ending 30 June 2000 will be fully franked.

Changes in accounting policies since the last annual report are disclosed as follows:

None.

Additional disclosure for trusts

Not applicable.

Compliance statement

- 1 This report has been prepared under accounting policies which comply with accounting standards as defined in the Corporations Law or other standards acceptable to ASX.
- 2 This report, and the financial statements prepared under the Corporations Law, use the same accounting policies.
- 3 This report does give a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.
- 4 This report is based on financial statements which have been subject to review.
- 5 The auditors' independent review report is attached to this report.
- 6 The entity has a formally constituted Audit Committee.

Sign here: Date: 17 February 2000
(General Counsel & Company Secretary)

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