

**APPROVED DISPENSATION**

**INDIVIDUAL DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD:**

**12/09/2008 – 16/10/2008**

**DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: Monday, 6 October 2008  
Aircraft: B747-300  
Registration: VH-EBW  
Operator: Qantas  
Operation: Arrival after 11pm

**CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST**

Qantas flight QF566 (Perth to Sydney) encountered a problem with the computerised check-in system and the loading control system, causing a 45 minute delay in departure. A further delay was encountered with refuelling the aircraft prior to departure. There were 443 passengers and 17 crew members on board.

**Approved: Yes**

**REASONS FOR APPROVAL**

The delegate was satisfied that the circumstances met the three mandatory criteria required for issuing of a curfew dispensation. The failure of the check-in, loading systems and refuelling problems was of immediate origin and could not have been reasonably foreseen. Qantas was unable to make alternative arrangements. The aircraft arrived in Sydney on runway 16R at 11:07pm. The Department has followed up the use of the incorrect runway and has received a satisfactory response.

**DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: Wednesday, 15 October 2008  
Aircraft: B737-800  
Registration: VH-VXP  
Operator: Qantas  
Operation: Arrival after 11pm

**CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST**

Qantas flight QF559 (Brisbane to Sydney) was unable to depart Brisbane Airport due to severe electrical storm activity over Brisbane and personnel being evacuated from the tarmac for safety reasons. Aircraft congestion caused further delays. There were 94 passengers and 7 crew members on board.

**Approved: Yes**

**REASONS FOR APPROVAL**

The delegate was satisfied that the circumstances met the three mandatory criteria required for issue of a curfew dispensation. The evacuation of the tarmac by personnel was of immediate origin and could not have been reasonably foreseen. Qantas was unable to make alternative arrangements. The aircraft arrived in Sydney on runway 34L at 11:06pm.

**DISPENSATION NOT APPROVED**

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Date: Monday, 6 October 2008  
Aircraft: B737-800  
Registration: VH-VUI  
Operator: Virgin Blue  
Operation: Arrival after 11pm

**CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST**

Virgin Blue flight DJ893 (Melbourne to Sydney) encountered delays due to engineering problems (Flap overspeed landing) with the aircraft in a previous sector. Engineering checks caused delays and Virgin Blue requested a dispensation to arrive in Sydney no later than 11:15pm. There were 180 passengers and 6 crew members on board.

**Approved: No**

**REASONS FOR DISAPPROVAL**

The application did not meet the three mandatory criteria required for issue of a curfew dispensation.