INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES COMMISSION

DECISION

DECISION:	**[2001] IASC 203**
VARIATION OF:	**IASC/DET/9912**
THE ROUTE:	**TAIWAN**
THE APPLICANT:	**QANTAS LIMITED**
	(QANTAS) (ACN 003 613 405)

1   The application

1.1   Qantas applied on 11 December 2000 to the Commission for a variation of Determination IASC/DET/9912 to increase its capacity on the Taiwan route to 888 seats per week from the present 687 seats. From 27 March 2001, Qantas proposes substituting B747SP aircraft for B767-300s which presently operate its three weekly flights between Sydney and Taipei.

1.2   The Commission published a notice on 15 December 2000 inviting other applications for the capacity and submissions from interested parties. None were received. Material supplied by the applicant is filed on the Register of Public Documents.

2   Provisions of relevant air services arrangements

2.1   There is sufficient capacity available under the air services arrangements between Australia and Taiwan.

3   Commission's assessment

3.1   Under paragraph 6.3 of the Minister's Policy Statement, in the absence of submissions about or opposing an application, the Commission is required only to apply the criteria in paragraph 4 of the Policy Statement. Paragraph 4 states that the use of Australian entitlements is of benefit to the public. For an established international carrier such as Qantas, which is already providing services on the route, this means that there is a public benefit arising from the utilisation of the capacity.

3.2   The Commission therefore concludes that it would be appropriate for Determination IASC/DET/9912 to be varied as requested.

4   Decision ([2001] IASC 203)

4.1   In accordance with section 24 of the *International Air Services Commission Act 1992*, the Commission varies Determination IASC/DET/9912 on the Taiwan route by *adding* 201 seats per week, bringing the total entitlement to 888 seats per week.

Dated: 23 January 2001

Ross Jones   Stephen Lonergan   Michael Lawriwsky
Chairman   Member   Member