



Australian Government
International Air Services Commission

RESOLUTIONS

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Determinations: [2023] IASC 106

The Route: Philippines

The Applicant: Qantas Airways Limited (Qantas)
(ABN 16 009 661 901)

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On 17 September 2025, the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts (the Department) notified the Commission that Australian civil aviation officials and Philippines civil aviation officials had agreed to expand the Australia-Philippines air services arrangements to:

- Double the passenger capacity available to the airlines of both countries from 35 services to 70 services each week to Manila and Bulacan phased in as follows:
 - with immediate effect, the available capacity will increase to 60 services per week;
 - from the start of the Northern Winter 2026 timetable period (i.e. 25 October 2026), the available capacity will increase to 70 services per week.

The notification also confirms that there are no longer any restrictions on the number of direct passenger services from Australia to Clark.

Paragraph 7(2)(aa) of the *International Air Services Commission Act 1992* (the Act) requires that a determination issued by the Commission is not contrary to any restrictions contained in the relevant bilateral air services arrangements. In positive terms, the Act requires that a determination allocating capacity must be consistent with the relevant air services arrangements.

The Commission notes that it has allocated to Qantas 3,963 seats per week on the Philippines route through the following Determinations:

- **[2025] IASC 106** allocating 1,927 seats of capacity per week to operate passenger services on the Philippines route.
- **[2025] IASC 104** allocating 696 seats of capacity per week to operate passenger services on the Philippines route.
- **[2024] IASC 118** allocating 1,188 seats of capacity per week to operate passenger services on the Philippines route.
- **[2023] IASC 106** allocating 152 seats of capacity per week to operate passenger services on the Philippines route.

The Commission notes that Qantas currently operates up to 11 services per week from Sydney/Brisbane to Manila, utilising up to 3,267 seats of capacity issued under the Determinations [2025] IASC 106, [2024] IASC 118 and [2023] IASC 106.¹ The Commission further notes that Qantas' wholly-owned subsidiary Jetstar Airways Pty Limited plans to launch 3 services per week between Perth and Manila utilising up to 696 seats of capacity issued under Determination [2025] IASC 104.²

Consistent with the amended Australia-Philippines air services arrangements, the Commission issues this resolution to recognise and interpret the change in capacity from seats to services available to Australian airlines for the operation of passenger to Manila and Bulacan, as follows:

- **[2025] IASC 106** allocating 1,927 seats of passenger capacity per week on the Philippines route is interpreted to mean 6 frequencies per week.
- **[2025] IASC 104** allocating 696 seats of passenger capacity per week on the Philippines route is interpreted to mean 3 frequencies per week.
- **[2024] IASC 118** allocating 1,188 seats of passenger capacity on the Philippines route is interpreted to mean 4 frequencies per week.
- **[2023] IASC 106** allocating 152 seats of passenger capacity per week on the Philippines route is interpreted to mean 1 frequency per week.

Dated: 22 September 2025



GENEVIEVE BUTLER
Chairperson



JANE MCKEON
Commissioner

¹ [International Airlines Timetable Summary Northern Summer 2025, Qantas, Philippines entry](#)

² [Jetstar expands into the Philippines with two new direct routes from Brisbane and Perth](#)