February 2018 Monthly traffic update

6.5% International passengers (excluding transit passengers) increased by 6.5% to 872,408 in February 2018. The 53,000 increase compared with February 2017 was due to Chinese New Year travel falling in mid-February this year compared to January last year, and strong growth in the number of New Zealanders travelling overseas (up 7.2%) as a result of increased capacity on the Asia and Middle East routes (up 13.6%) and the Americas (up 9.2%).

EK Bali In February 2018, Emirates announced a new daily service from Dubai to Auckland via Bali, commencing June 2018. This service will complement the airline's existing non-stop daily service between Dubai and Auckland and provide the only year-round daily service between Auckland and Bali. Emirates and Qatar Airways, which operates a daily Doha-Auckland service, have increased New Zealand's connectivity to Europe, with European resident arrivals up 8.6% in the past 12 months.

19.1% The later timing of Chinese New Year this year resulted in a 92.1% increase in Chinese visitor arrivals in February 2018, compared with February 2017. The combined January and February 2018 Chinese visitor arrivals were up 19.1% compared with the same months last year. Taiwanese visitor arrivals also experienced the same trend over the same period, up 22.0%.

NZ Taipei A new direct service to Taipei was announced by Air New Zealand in February 2018. Commencing in November 2018, the new service is expected to add an additional 95,000 seats to the route every year. China Airlines' daily Taipei-Auckland service operates via Brisbane and the introduction of a direct service is expected to increase the popularity of New Zealand as a holiday destination.

FEB, 18	Current month	Previous year period	% Change (month)	Financial YTD	Previous financial YTD	% Change financial YTD	Rolling 12 month total	Previous 12 month total	% Change in rolling total
AUCKLAND AIRPORT									
Passenger Movements									
International arrivals (excl. Transits)	457,877	426,439	7.4%	3,584,879	3,403,897	5.3%	5,087,365	4,756,091	7.0%
International departures (excl. Transits)	414,531	392,550	5.6%	3,381,528	3,196,980	5.8%	5,021,444	4,683,301	7.2%
Total international (excl. Transits)	**872,408**	**818,989**	**6.5%**	**6,966,407**	**6,600,877**	**5.5%**	**10,108,809**	**9,439,392**	**7.1%**
Transit movements	46,298	45,334	2.1%	457,074	462,214	-1.1%	670,612	663,760	1.0%
Total international passengers *	**918,706**	**864,323**	**6.3%**	**7,423,481**	**7,063,091**	**5.1%**	**10,779,421**	**10,103,152**	**6.7%**
Domestic arrivals	385,283	360,084	7.0%	3,081,157	2,854,573	7.9%	4,575,622	4,260,639	7.4%
Domestic departures	384,870	353,174	9.0%	3,066,361	2,839,015	8.0%	4,480,149	4,166,277	7.5%
Total domestic passengers	**770,153**	**713,258**	**8.0%**	**6,147,518**	**5,693,588**	**8.0%**	**9,055,771**	**8,426,916**	**7.5%**
Total passengers	**1,688,859**	**1,577,581**	**7.1%**	**13,570,999**	**12,756,679**	**6.4%**	**19,835,192**	**18,530,068**	**7.0%**
Top 10 arrivals by country of last residence									
New Zealand	143,498	145,594	-1.4%	1,361,380	1,281,177	6.3%	2,279,052	2,125,271	7.2%
Australia	74,127	74,835	-0.9%	527,724	522,810	0.9%	872,124	845,354	3.2%
China, People's Republic of	57,903	30,142	92.1%	242,452	216,633	11.9%	384,934	360,268	6.8%
United States of America	39,449	37,174	6.1%	174,085	168,307	3.4%	272,838	249,785	9.2%
United Kingdom	28,956	30,396	-4.7%	135,050	130,930	3.1%	205,483	182,377	12.7%
Japan	11,067	10,689	3.5%	63,029	60,959	3.4%	95,842	93,644	2.3%
Germany	9,861	11,625	-15.2%	52,742	55,921	-5.7%	77,479	76,920	0.7%
Korea, Republic of	7,218	7,009	3.0%	48,301	43,863	10.1%	71,179	64,054	11.1%
Canada	10,420	9,529	9.4%	39,568	37,415	5.8%	59,339	54,625	8.6%
India	5,410	5,766	-6.2%	33,141	29,081	14.0%	56,987	50,525	12.8%
Aircraft Movements									
International aircraft movements	4,459	4,342	2.7%	37,748	37,001	2.0%	55,626	53,805	3.4%
Domestic aircraft movements	9,438	9,280	1.7%	79,288	75,770	4.6%	117,884	112,678	4.6%
Total aircraft movements	**13,897**	**13,622**	**2.0%**	**117,036**	**112,771**	**3.8%**	**173,510**	**166,483**	**4.2%**
MCTOW (tonnes) **									
International MCTOW	493,344	464,771	6.1%	3,970,313	3,765,987	5.4%	5,813,570	5,423,560	7.2%
Domestic MCTOW	187,606	180,854	3.7%	1,556,982	1,479,380	5.2%	2,316,455	2,195,860	5.5%
Total MCTOW	**680,949**	**645,626**	**5.5%**	**5,527,295**	**5,245,367**	**5.4%**	**8,130,025**	**7,619,420**	**6.7%**

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QUEENSTOWN AIRPORT									
Passenger Movements									
Total international passengers	43,394	38,268	13.4%	433,466	388,600	11.5%	577,151	517,337	11.6%
Total domestic passengers	135,152	123,401	9.5%	1,035,073	917,867	12.8%	1,477,364	1,297,199	13.9%
Aircraft Movements									
International aircraft movements	302	282	7.1%	3,306	3,062	8.0%	4,388	4,040	8.6%
Domestic aircraft movements	958	888	7.9%	7,808	7,040	10.9%	11,178	10,074	11.0%
Total aircraft movements	**1,260**	**1,170**	**7.7%**	**11,114**	**10,102**	**10.0%**	**15,566**	**14,114**	**10.3%**
CAIRNS AIRPORT									
Passenger Movements									
International passenger movements (excl. Transits)	60,914	50,503	20.6%	489,981	459,610	6.6%	698,021	654,805	6.6%
Transit & Transfer	4,170	14,175	-70.6%	83,506	116,502	-28.3%	138,607	173,232	-20.0%
Total international passengers	**65,084**	**64,678**	**0.6%**	**573,487**	**576,112**	**-0.5%**	**836,628**	**828,037**	**1.0%**
Total domestic passengers	**314,279**	**289,489**	**8.6%**	**3,084,118**	**3,011,546**	**2.4%**	**4,463,977**	**4,344,604**	**2.7%**
Aircraft Movements									
International aircraft movements	479	514	-6.8%	4,387	4,694	-6.5%	6,512	7,097	-8.2%
Domestic aircraft movements	2,934	2,909	0.9%	27,534	27,624	-0.3%	40,784	40,879	-0.2%
Total aircraft movements	**3,413**	**3,423**	**-0.3%**	**31,921**	**32,318**	**-1.2%**	**47,296**	**47,976**	**-1.4%**
MACKAY AIRPORT									
Passenger Movements									
Domestic passengers	55,080	54,097	1.8%	520,295	498,752	4.3%	770,946	759,720	1.5%
Transit movements ***	2,283	1,949	17.1%	19,658	17,773	10.6%	27,451	27,408	0.2%
Total domestic passengers	**57,363**	**56,046**	**2.3%**	**539,953**	**516,525**	**4.5%**	**798,397**	**787,128**	**1.4%**
Aircraft Movements									
Domestic aircraft movements	**663**	**731**	**-9.3%**	**6,199**	**6,721**	**-7.8%**	**9,277**	**10,286**	**-9.8%**