Monthly Passenger Statistics: March 2018

	March				Rolling 12 months			
	2018	2017	Change		Current	Previous	Change	
Arriving & departing passengers	67,850	56,150	11,700	21%	782,650	749,850	32,800	4%
Transit & Transfer	3,180	1,940	1,240	64%	28,690	26,960	1,730	6%
Total passengers	**71,030**	**58,090**	**12,940**	**22%**	**811,340**	**776,810**	**34,530**	**4%**

Seats	94,770	81,110	13,660	17%	1,097,930	1,124,470	-26,540	-2%
Airport load factor	75%	72%		3%	74%	69%		5%
Flights	780	730	50	7%	9,330	10,100	-770	-8%

Note: numbers subject to rounding

Passengers increased 22% in March. This marks six months of growth.

This strong rise was due to a number of factors.
- Easter fell in late March.
- In March 2017, Mackay Airport was closed for nearly four days due to Cyclone Debbie.
- After adjusting for these impacts, there was like for like growth of 10% across the month.
- Both the adjusted and unadjusted monthly growth rates are the highest of the past six months.

The 6% annual growth of transit and transfer passengers is due to more people flying on the coastal route. Many of these are workers travelling from homes in regional Queensland to mines throughout the state.

FY 2018 Passengers by month

FY2018	Total	Arrivals	Departures	Transit & Transfers
Jul 2017	**69,837**	33,548	33,438	2,851
Aug 2017	**67,583**	32,479	33,031	2,073
Sep 2017	**72,329**	34,832	35,113	2,384
Oct 2017	**72,322**	35,391	34,691	2,240
Nov 2017	**67,669**	31,901	32,608	3,160
Dec 2017	**68,045**	31,908	33,656	2,481
Jan 2018	**63,401**	31,552	29,818	2,031
Feb 2018	**57,363**	27,545	27,535	2,283
Mar 2018	**71,027**	33,690	34,158	3,179
Apr 2018				
May 2018				
Jun 2018				
TOTAL	**610,980**	293,429	294,714	22,837