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Senator Eggleston asked:

Senator EGGLESTON—I was wondering about the impact not of the CPRS but of the GFC on tourism to Australia. I noticed today that there was an Asian airline offering a \$700 return fare from London to Perth.

Have any airlines ceased operating into Perth as a result of the global financial crisis?

Mr Buckley—I cannot answer that off the top of my head, but I can certainly take it on notice. I will review that. I am not aware of any. There have been some changes around the Perth access, but I cannot tell you—

Answer:

No international airlines have ceased operating into Perth as a result of the global financial crisis, although Singapore Airlines adjusted capacity as part of an 11 per cent reduction in its global capacity.

Overall, there has been growth in the number of international passengers travelling through Perth Airport. International arrivals in Perth increased by 8.9 per cent during April 2009 compared with same month in the previous year, with an 11.6 per cent in seat capacity. Perth Airport reports that international passenger figures for the financial year to date were 3.5 per cent higher in April 2009.

Air Asia commenced direct flights between Perth and Denpasar on 17 July 2009 providing additional international capacity into Perth.