

Fact Sheet: NATIONAL ECONOMY

Melbourne Airport has enjoyed strong passenger growth for the past ten years leading to increases in international freight handling, and the attractions of new low cost carriers to the country.

- Melbourne Airport has experienced higher productivity over the five years to 2006/07 generating 9,713 extra jobs and adding over \$950 million to Gross State Product, above what would have been achieved with average industry-wide productivity.
- Greater productivity at Melbourne Airport is due to more efficient use of runway space and fixed assets, leading to less congestion, increased labour productivity, improved management, and good use of space for landside and airside developments.
- John Holland has acquired Ansett Aviation Engineering Services, an employer of 150 people, which has continued to operate under the control of Ansett Aviation's administrators since the airline collapsed in September 2001. John Holland's acquisition will create up to 500 jobs within four years, providing maintenance and engineering services to commercial airline groups.
- Melbourne is Australia's second biggest city served by the nation's second largest airport.
- Melbourne Airport serves the business, tourism and leisure air transport needs of 3.8 million Melburnians and a broader catchment of 5 million+ people.
- Melbourne Airport is Australia's only major curfew free airport.