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FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

FURNISHED PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

03 March 2006

BRITISH AIRWAYS Plc  
(Registrant's Name)

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Yes No

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### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

BRITISH AIRWAYS Plc

By: /s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Alan Buchanan  
Title: Company Secretary  
Date 03 March 2006

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Exhibit No.	Description
1.	February traffic statistics

### TRAFFIC AND CAPACITY STATISTICS - February 2006

#### Summary of the headline figures

In February 2006, passenger capacity, measured in Available Seat Kilometres, was 3 per cent above February 2005. Traffic, measured in Revenue Passenger Kilometres, was higher by 3.6 per cent. This resulted in a passenger load factor up 0.4 points versus last year, to 71.2 per cent. The increase in traffic comprised a 7.1 per cent increase in premium traffic and a 2.9 per cent increase in non-premium traffic. Cargo, measured in Cargo Tonne Kilometres, was down 1.1 per cent. Overall load factor was down 0.6 points at 67.3 per cent.

#### Market conditions

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Market conditions remain broadly unchanged as significant promotional activity is required to maintain seat factors.

### Strategic Developments

The sale by British Airways of its entire interests in the London Eye to the Tussauds Group was completed for GBP100.45 million which included its one third share and its outstanding loan to the company. The airline will continue its brand association with the attraction by extending its existing franchise agreement.

The airline appointed e-Dialog as its email service provider for customer communications in the UK including Executive Club members and registered customers on ba.com. The decision reflects the increasing importance of direct electronic customer communication as part of the airline's marketing communications strategy.

Japan Airlines (JAL) and oneworld<sup>TM</sup> have exchanged a memorandum of understanding, completing the Asian carrier's first step towards joining the world's leading quality global airline alliance.

British Airways Plc received a request for information from both the European Commission and the United States Department of Justice relating to alleged cartel activity involving British Airways and a number of other airlines and cargo operators. British Airways' policy is to conduct its business in full compliance with all the applicable competition laws. British Airways is assisting the European Commission and United States Department of Justice with their investigation.

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March 3, 2006

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### BRITISH AIRWAYS MONTHLY TRAFFIC AND CAPACITY STATISTICS

BRITISH AIRWAYS SCHEDULED SERVICES	Month of February			Financial year April through to Feb		
	2006	2005	Change (%)	2006	2005	Change (%)
Passengers carried (000)						
UK/Europe	1613	1621	-0.5	21214	21556	-1.6

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Americas	484	491	-1.4	6727	6611	+1.8
Asia Pacific	148	132	+12.0	1740	1531	+13.6
Africa and Middle East	276	256	+7.7	2888	2842	+1.6
Total	2520	2499	+0.8	32569	32539	+0.1
Revenue passenger km (m)						
UK/Europe	1421	1424	-0.2	19534	19284	+1.3
Americas	3260	3293	-1.0	45185	44237	+2.1
Asia Pacific	1524	1359	+12.1	17931	15750	+13.9
Africa and Middle East	1894	1739	+8.9	19551	19046	+2.6
Total	8099	7816	+3.6	102202	98318	+4.0
Available seat km (m)						
UK/Europe	2327	2344	-0.7	28997	28379	+2.2
Americas	4634	4647	-0.3	57448	56968	+0.8
Asia Pacific	2000	1792	+11.6	23367	21273	+9.8
Africa and Middle East	2416	2259	+6.9	25282	24939	+1.4
Total	11377	11042	+3.0	135094	131559	+2.7
Passenger load factor (%)						
UK/Europe	61.1	60.8	+0.3 pts	67.4	68.0	-0.6
Americas	70.3	70.9	-0.6 pts	78.7	77.7	+1.0
Asia Pacific	76.2	75.8	+0.4 pts	76.7	74.0	+2.7
Africa and Middle East	78.4	77.0	+1.4 pts	77.3	76.4	+0.9
Total	71.2	70.8	+0.4 pts	75.7	74.7	+1.0
Revenue tonne km (RTK) (m)						
Cargo tonne km (CTK)	377	381	-1.1	4471	4505	-0.8
Total RTK	1181	1158	+2.0	14683	14330	+2.5
Available tonne km (m)	1756	1706	+2.9	21081	20576	+2.5
Overall load factor (%)	67.3	67.9	-0.6 pts	69.7	69.6	+0.1

Certain statements included in this statement may be forward-looking and may involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements include, without limitation, projections relating to results of operations and financial conditions and the company's plans and objectives for future operations, including, without limitation, discussions of the company's business and financing plans, expected future revenues and expenditures and divestments. All forward-looking statements in this report are based upon information known to the company on the date of this report. The company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

It is not reasonably possible to itemise all of the many factors and specific events that could cause the company's forward-looking statements to be incorrect or that could otherwise have a material adverse effect on the future operations or results of an airline operating in the global economy.

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