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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

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THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

05 July, 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 05 July, 2006

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| 1.          | June Traffic Stats |

### TRAFFIC AND CAPACITY STATISTICS - June 2006

#### Summary of the headline figures

In June 2006, passenger capacity, measured in Available Seat Kilometres, was 3.1 per cent above June 2005. Traffic, measured in Revenue Passenger Kilometres, was higher by 6.6 per cent. This resulted in a passenger load factor up 2.7 points versus last year, to 81.6 per cent. The increase in traffic comprised an 11.7 per cent increase in premium traffic and a 5.7 per cent increase in non-premium traffic. Cargo, measured in Cargo Tonne Kilometres, increased by 2.2 per cent. Overall load factor increased by 2.2 points to 73.4 per cent.

For the April to June quarter, ASKs rose by 4.1 per cent, with RPKs rising by 7.7 per cent. This resulted in an increase in passenger load factor of 2.6

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points, to 78.2 per cent. This comprised a 9.8 per cent increase in premium traffic and a 7.4 per cent increase in non-premium traffic. CTKs rose by 1.9 per cent.

### Market conditions

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

### Strategic Developments

British Airways announced that it is assisting the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) and the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) in an investigation into alleged cartel activity involving BA and other airlines in relation to pricing of passenger air transportation, including fuel surcharges. BA's policy is to conduct its business in full compliance with all applicable competition laws. Martin George, Commercial Director, and Iain Burns, Head of Communications, have been given leave of absence during the investigation.

British Airways won the title of Airline of the Year 2006 at the annual Skytrax World Airline Awards.

Jumping four places from last year's line-up, the airline beat key competitors from all over the world, including the Asia Pacific region, to take the award. The results found that the number of premium passengers to nominate BA was higher than any of the other airlines in the top ten.

The company's head of environmental affairs, Andrew Sentance said that the European Union had an historic opportunity to limit aviation's impact on climate change by producing a workable scheme for emissions trading. Dr Sentance said plans to incorporate aviation emissions in Europe's carbon trading scheme had made "good progress" in the last three years and could be implemented by 2010 at the latest.

Following Department for Transport recommendations the airline introduced changes to its baggage policies to make them easier for air travellers and to reduce queues at airports. The new guidelines mean changes to hand, checked and excess baggage allowances and are being phased in from early July across the airline's global network.

British Airways and Malev Hungarian Airlines signed an agreement that will enable the two airlines to begin codesharing on each other's flights from November 1, 2006. Malev's flight code will be placed on BA's three daily flights from London Heathrow to Budapest and BA's flight code will be placed on Malev's two daily flights from Budapest to London Gatwick.

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## BRITISH AIRWAYS MONTHLY TRAFFIC AND CAPACITY STATISTICS

| BRITISH AIRWAYS<br>SCHEDULED SERVICES | Month of June |       |               | Financial year<br>April through to June |       |               |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|-------|---------------|---|-------|---------------|
|                                       | 2006          | 2005  | Change<br>(%) | 2006                                    | 2005  | Change<br>(%) |
| Passengers carried (000)              |               |       |               |   |       |               |
| UK/Europe                             | 2187          | 2133  | +2.5          | 6197                                    | 6087  | +1.8          |
| Americas                              | 724           | 678   | +6.8          | 2063                                    | 1937  | +6.5          |
| Asia Pacific                          | 158           | 158   | +0.5          | 463                                     | 430   | +7.5          |
| Africa and Middle East                | 276           | 236   | +17.1         | 823                                     | 700   | +17.6         |
| Total                                 | 3346          | 3205  | +4.4          | 9546                                    | 9154  | +4.3          |
| Revenue passenger km (m)              |               |       |               |   |       |               |
| UK/Europe                             | 2065          | 2003  | +3.1          | 5845                                    | 5659  | +3.3          |
| Americas                              | 4870          | 4552  | +7.0          | 13888                                   | 12962 | +7.1          |
| Asia Pacific                          | 1611          | 1609  | +0.1          | 4670                                    | 4427  | +5.5          |
| Africa and Middle East                | 1838          | 1580  | +16.3         | 5478                                    | 4692  | +16.8         |
| Total                                 | 10383         | 9743  | +6.6          | 29881                                   | 27740 | +7.7          |
| Available seat km (m)                 |               |       |               |   |       |               |
| UK/Europe                             | 2669          | 2726  | -2.1          | 7989                                    | 8207  | -2.7          |
| Americas                              | 5633          | 5368  | +4.9          | 16779                                   | 16016 | +4.8          |
| Asia Pacific                          | 2023          | 2160  | -6.3          | 6119                                    | 6084  | +0.6          |
| Africa and Middle East                | 2406          | 2092  | +15.0         | 7303                                    | 6365  | +14.7         |
| Total                                 | 12731         | 12346 | +3.1          | 38189                                   | 36672 | +4.1          |
| Passenger load factor (%)             |               |       |               |   |       |               |
| UK/Europe                             | 77.3          | 73.5  | +3.8 pts      | 73.2                                    | 69.0  | +4.2          |
| Americas                              | 86.5          | 84.8  | +1.7 pts      | 82.8                                    | 80.9  | +1.9          |
| Asia Pacific                          | 79.6          | 74.5  | +5.1 pts      | 76.3                                    | 72.8  | +3.5          |
| Africa and Middle East                | 76.4          | 75.5  | +0.9 pts      | 75.0                                    | 73.7  | +1.3          |
| Total                                 | 81.6          | 78.9  | +2.7 pts      | 78.2                                    | 75.6  | +2.6          |
| Revenue tonne km (RTK) (m)            |               |       |               |   |       |               |
| Cargo tonne km (CTK)                  | 405           | 396   | +2.2          | 1224                                    | 1184  | +3.4          |
| Total RTK                             | 1440          | 1367  | +5.3          | 4200                                    | 3946  | +6.4          |
| Available tonne km (m)                | 1961          | 1919  | +2.2          | 5914                                    | 5717  | +3.4          |
| Overall load factor (%)               | 73.4          | 71.2  | +2.2 pts      | 71.0                                    | 69.0  | +2.0          |

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

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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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