5. Canberra airport

Summary

In 2006–07 passenger numbers and aircraft movements both increased. Prices for aeronautical and aeronautical-related services generally increased. On a per passenger basis, aeronautical revenue and expenses have increased—however, aeronautical margins decreased as a result of expenses increasing at a faster rate than revenues. Security revenue increased during 2006–07 while expenses decreased. Total airport revenue, expenses and margins have all increased over 2005–06 results. Returns on assets for aeronautical services decreased while for total airport services it increased. Aeronautical assets increased in 2006–07 predominantly as a result of net investment, however revaluations of non-aeronautical assets also contributed to increases in total airport assets.

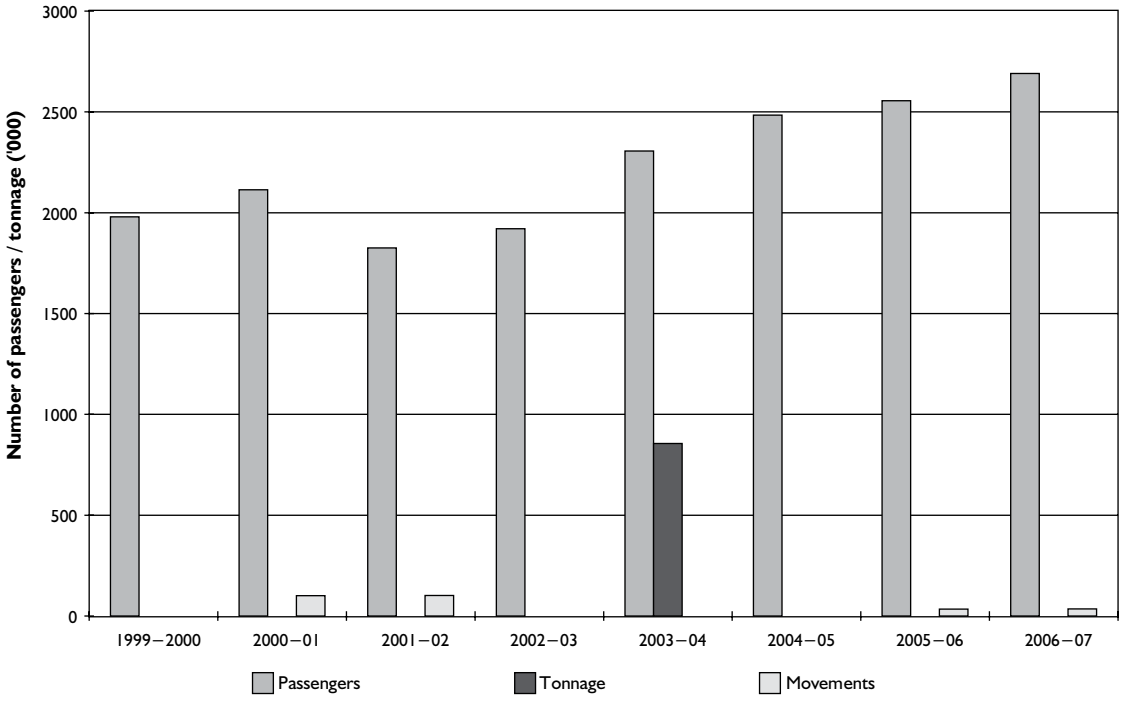
The quality of aeronautical services at Canberra has been rated as slightly below satisfactory. In 2006–07 airline ratings for **availability** and **standard** of baggage facilities decreased. Airline ratings for the **availability** and **standard** of airside services generally decreased, except for apron services, which remained constant compared to 2005–06 results. Airline ratings of the approach of management to quality of services issues remained stable in 2006–07, although the ACS increased its rating of Canberra airport management to poor.

5.1. Canberra airport price monitoring results

5.1.1. Activity

Chart 5.1 shows traffic volumes at Canberra airport measured by passenger numbers and tonnage, from 1999–2000 to 2006–07.

Chart 5.1: Volume of passengers and tonnage



Note: Before 2005–06 Canberra airport was unable to reliably provide aircraft movements. From 2005–06 aircraft movements represent only RPT aircraft movements and exclude general aviation aircraft movements.