Aviation Safety Investigation Report 199702477

Cessna Aircraft Company Citation II Boeing Co B767

22 July 1997

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Occurrence Number:		Occurrence Type	: Incident		
	11km NE Brisbane, Aerodrom				
	QLD	Inv Category:	4		
Date:	Tuesday 22 July 1997				
Time:	1714 hours	Time Zone	EST		
Highest Injury Level: None					
Aircraft Manufacturer: Cessna Aircraft Company					
Aircraft Model:	550				
Aircraft Registration:	VH-WNZ S	Serial Number: 5500	057		
Type of Operation:	Instructional Check				
Damage to Aircraft:	Nil				
Departure Point:	Brisbane QLD				
Departure Time:	1712 EST				
Destination:	Brisbane QLD				
Aircraft	Boeing Co				
Manufacturer:					
Aircraft Model:	767-338ER				
Aircraft Registration:	VH-OGK			Serial Number:	25316
Type of Operation:	Air Transport High Capacit Scheduled	ty International Passe	nger		
Damage to Aircraft:	Nil				
Departure Point:	Brisbane QLD				
Departure Time:	1718 EST				
Destination:	Bangkok, Thailand				

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Circumstances

VH-WNZ was conducting a training flight and the pilot had advised the Tower of his intention to conduct a simulated engine failure after takeoff. The aircraft departed on an initial assigned radar heading of 060 degrees at 1710.40 EST.

VH-OGK was assigned an IBUNA 1 Standard Instrument Departure (SID), departed at 1712.30 EST, and had been instructed to remain on Tower frequency. While turning right as per the SID to heading 180 M, OGK passed behind WNZ. Separation between the aircraft reduced to 2.5 NM horizontally and less than 500 ft vertically. The required separation was 3 NM and 1,000 ft.

Investigation revealed that the aerodrome controller (ADC) did not adequately plan the departure of three aircraft, including WNZ and OGK. An arriving aircraft led to his decision to expedite the departure of OGK, thus compromising the separation between these aircraft. The ADC's decision to retain OGK on Tower frequency until instructed to transfer delayed the opportunity for the departures controller to issue instructions to OGK to ensure separation was maintained.