

# What's Air Namibia's Future?

LATE last year I flew with Air Namibia from Windhoek to Frankfurt and returned early this year again from Frankfurt. The flights were fantastic, despite the hard times Air Namibia still provided us with a full bar, two hot meals from which to choose, the latest movies and music and a variety of duty-free items.

The cabin crew were friendly and assisted the passengers throughout the flight, the captain on board informed us about our flight route and provided us with other useful information. I was very impressed with the service in the economy class, which was so much better than other airlines flying the same route.

However, it concerns me that the business class section was nearly empty. I saw only three passengers seated there at take-off and sections in the economy class were also empty. Many passengers had a comfortable nights rest on three or four seats.

Due to the fact that this was the brand new Boeing 747, and it is not yet paid for, the question is how will

the already troubled airline manage to pay for its costs, including landing fees at the airports it flies to and from, fuel, maintenance, let alone the repayment of the loan.

Will this aircraft, called the flagship, end up being paid by tax payers' money?

I would again like to complement Air Namibia for the excellent service on board and plan to fly with the airline in the near future.

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