



Air Accident Investigation Unit Ireland

Interim Statement --- 12 March 2020

Investigation into Accident involving S-92A helicopter EI-ICR (R116)

Black Rock, Co. Mayo on 14 March 2017

As per International Convention, EU Regulation and national legislation relating to accident investigation, it is required that, if the final report into an air accident investigation cannot be made public within 12 months, the Air Accident Investigation Unit shall release an Interim Statement at least at each anniversary of the accident or serious incident, detailing the progress of the investigation and any safety issues raised.

On 13 September 2019, as required by SI 460 of 2009, a Draft Final Report was issued in confidence to interested parties. Comments on that Draft Final Report were to be sent to the Investigation on or before 11 November 2019. During the Draft Final Report comments process, one party invoked Regulation 15 of SI 460 of 2009 and sent a '*notice of re-examination*' regarding certain findings and a conclusion in the Draft Final Report to the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport. On 23 December 2019, the Minister informed the Chief Inspector of Air Accidents that, in accordance with Regulation 16 of SI 460 of 2009, he was appointing a Review Board to carry out the re-examination requested. On 9 March 2020, the AAIU was advised by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, that a Review Board has been established under SI 460 of 2009 for the re-examination of specific findings of the Draft Final Report into the accident to R116. The Investigation advised all interested parties, on 9 March 2020, of the Departmental contact details for information relating to the re-examination.

The Investigation has complied with Regulation 12 (1) (b) of SI 460 regarding consideration of all comments received in response to the Draft Final Report, and awaits further details of the re-examination.

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