



Air Accident Investigation Unit Ireland

Interim Statement --- 12 March 2021

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.

As advised in the Interim Statement released on 12 March 2020, a Draft Final Report was issued in confidence to interested parties on 13 September 2019, as required by SI 460 of 2009. Comments on that Draft Final Report were required to be sent to the Investigation on or before 11 November 2019 and the Investigation has complied with Regulation 12 (1) (b) of SI 460 regarding consideration of all comments received.

During the 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 had been established and the Investigation advised all interested parties of the Departmental contact details for information relating to the re-examination.

The work of the Review Board is ongoing. The AAIU's Final Report regarding the accident will not be published until the work of the Review Board is complete.

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