KEY ISSUES:

- Helicopter crash vicinity Double Mountain, at Defence's Shoalwater Bay Training Area, near Rockhampton, Queensland.
- Initial reports indicate the pilot and the two passengers are all injured, one of them is in a serious condition. There have been unconfirmed reports of one fatality.
- Initial call to 000 was made by a surviving passenger from the downed aircraft approximately 1203h, Thur 8 Sep.
- Two rescue aircraft and an ambulance are currently enroute to locate and provide assistance.
- Initial rescue helicopter reached the site at 1324h and found helicopter upside down with one person outside the helicopter.
- The crashed aircraft was a civilian helicopter leased by PS Management Consultants conducting scheduled routine maintenance on Defence radio communication towers.
- Local point of contact at Shoalwater Bay Training Area is SGT Daniel Smith, ph 07 49355000