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### **INFLIGHT ENGINE SHUTDOWN DURING TRAINING SORTIE**

#### **NATURE OF THE INCIDENT OR ISSUE:**

- An AS350BA helicopter from 723 Squadron encountered an inflight engine shutdown during a routine training sortie at HMAS Albatross
- The crew landed the aircraft on the Western Pad at HMAS Albatross and the crew were uninjured.
- The aircraft sustained no damage during the landing.

#### **THE DATE AND TIME OF THE INCIDENT OR ISSUE:**

- The incident occurred on at approximately 0845 on 24 February 2012 at HMAS Albatross.

#### **ACTIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:**

- An investigation into the circumstances that led to the shutdown has commenced.
- CO 723 has directed the cessation of flying for the AS350BA pending completion of the technical assessment.
- Scheduled AS350BA tasks over the weekend will be conducted by crew using the Squadron A109E aircraft.

#### **RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The AS350BA is a single engine light utility training helicopter operated by 723 Squadron as a rotary training platform for Navy aircrew. The Navy operates 13 AS350BA for Pilot, Aviation Warfare Officer and Aircrewman training.

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