NAVY HELICOPTER – TRANSPORT BY ROAD

NATURE OF THE INCIDENT:

• A Navy Seahawk helicopter has been subject to extended maintenance at the Helicopter Support Facility HMAS Stirling since January 2012.
• Despite extensive post-maintenance test activity the aircraft has failed to achieve a serviceable state.
• It has been determined that the aircraft will be returned to HMAS Albatross where it will have access to better repair, logistic and personnel support.
• The aircraft will be transported by truck from HMAS Stirling to RAAF Pearce before being loaded onto a C-17 aircraft.

THE DATE AND TIME OF THE INCIDENT:

• 0900 – 1100 Friday 13 April 2012 for road transit.

ACTIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:

• Relevant authorities have been informed of the transit of a large and conspicuous load on the 98 km route between Stirling and Pearce.