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NATURE OF THE INCIDENT:

- Following an incident of smoke in the cockpit of an Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter (ARH), the Army Fleet of ARHs has been suspended from flying operations.

THE DATE AND TIME OF THE INCIDENT:

- On 3 May 2012, smoke and fumes from an unknown source were detected in the cockpit of an ARH while conducting flying operations.
- The smoke and fumes had a minor effect on the crew.
- The ARH safely returned to base.
- The aircrew has undergone precautionary medical checks.
- Inquiries into the cause of smoke and fumes are continuing.

ACTIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:

- Since this incident, Army has reviewed similar incidents reported in the last two years and decided that ARH flying operations are to be suspended.
- Major General Michael Slater, Army Operational Airworthiness Authority, suspended flying operations of the ARH.

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