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### **ARMED RECONNAISSANCE HELICOPTER SUSPENSION OF FLYING OPERATIONS**

#### **NATURE OF THE INCIDENT:**

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

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

- At 1618h on 24 June 2012, fumes from an unknown source were detected in the cockpit of an ARH during flying operations at Shoalwater Bay Training Area.
- The ARH returned safely to an airfield on Shoalwater Bay Training Area.
- The aircrew was not injured.
- Inquiries into the cause of the fumes are ongoing.

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

- Major General Michael Slater, the Army's Operational Airworthiness Authority, suspended flying operations of the ARH.

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