HAWK 127 AIRCRAFT - MAYDAY DECLARED: UPDATE

NATURE OF THE INCIDENT:

- A Hawk 127 aircraft was yesterday reported having experienced an engine failure while flying near RAAF Pearce, Western Australia.
- Initial investigations, including a review of the pilot's actions, have revealed that the pilot initiated 'Immediate relight' checklist actions following the illumination of an engine warning light. This was successfully carried out.
- At no stage was there a loss of control of the aircraft, nor had the engine 'failed' as initially reported. The engine was purposely shutdown and restarted as part of the checklist actions to manage an engine malfunction.
- In accordance with standard procedures, a Mayday was also declared by the pilot while performing the checklist actions.
- The aircraft landed safely at RAAF Gingin airfield, north of RAAF Pearce.

ACTIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:

- The aircraft remains quarantined for further investigations.
- Hawk flying operations have ceased pending the results.
- Other flying operations continue at RAAF Pearce.