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Submission: In the case of the light twin transport aircraft how long can the RAAF/Army keep the ageing Caribou in the air without major engine and avionics refits. What steps have been taken to obtain licence permission for DeHavilland Canada now Bombardier Canada to construct new Caribous in Australia at Government Aircraft Corporation to the DHC-4T Turbo Caribou format or at least re engine them with the PT6A Turbine engines as used in our current P9C aircraft It would be prudent to lease two DHC-4T Turbo Caribou to run a complete assessment in the field on their upgrades there are claims that they have increased STOL ability and increased power and reduced maintenance. Further because the PT6A is currently in service with the RAAF maintenance of engines etc would not require additional training to our technicians. On completion of test a firm decision could be made as to the viability of the upgrade of the entire fleet or rebuild from new or go to another aircraft Using the turbo engine would also allow for standardisation of fuel supplies.

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