

Media Advisory

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Offshore Helicopter Safety Inquiry Moves into Issue Identification and Investigation

The Offshore Helicopter Safety Inquiry is pleased with the level of progress being made to identify and define a clear set of issues arising from public hearings held between October 19, 2009 and February 18, 2010. Issue identification and investigation, Phase 1b, began on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 with an in-camera meeting of the Parties with Standing and the Honourable Robert Wells, Q.C., Inquiry Commissioner.

“All the parties with standing are working to outline a clearly defined set of issues,” said Commissioner Wells. “We are working in a collaborative way, and making very good progress within the mandate for the inquiry.

The final list of issues which the Commissioner intends to pursue will be made public, on or before the end of March.

When the results of the investigation of all issues raised in Phase 1b are complete, Inquiry Counsel and all Parties with Standing will be invited to make submissions on their views to the Inquiry Commissioner, at which time any additional oral submissions will be made through public presentations.

These oral representations will be the only further public hearings presented to the Inquiry. Commissioner Wells anticipates the Issue Identification and Investigation process will be complete by the end of June.

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