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**Safety Recommendation:**

The Minister for Transport should ensure that appropriate departmental governance arrangements are in place to oversee the functioning of the IRCG and to ensure that issues identified are addressed so that the systems in place will be sufficiently comprehensive and robust.

**Response:**

On 01 February 2022, and in subsequent engagement with the AAIU, the Department of Transport provided the following response to this Safety Recommendation:

"On behalf of the Minister I would like to convey the following:

The recommendation is accepted.

The Department of Transport has established a Safety, Quality and Compliance Section within the Coast Guard and at a structural level provides significant improvement of the Coast Guard's internal oversight and risk assessment procedures.

The Department continues to review and strengthen its corporate governance structures over the Coast Guard to ensure that the Coast Guard is subject to routine internal operational and management oversight and reporting. The Department will also ensure regular external reviews of the Coast Guard are carried out, and particularly relating to its operational, management and associated reporting mechanisms."

**AAIU Comment:**

The AAIU notes the Minister's response of 01 February 2022.

The AAIU considers the status of this Safety Recommendation to be 'Implemented, closed'.