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**Safety Recommendation:**

The Minister for Transport should review the provision of aviation expertise to the IRCG to ensure that the IRCG is effective and structured to support appropriate governance arrangements and that IRCG operating procedures are risk assessed and maintained current.

**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 is in the process of reviewing the provision of aviation expertise to ensure that appropriate governance arrangements and IRCG operating procedures are risk assessed and continuously maintained.*

*An update will be provided to the AAIU in Q4 2022."*

On 19 September 2023, the Department of Transport provided the following update for this Safety Recommendation:

*"IRCG utilises external expertise to provide aviation advice and a new contract was awarded in late 2022, on expiry of the previous contract. A separate contract is in place to provided technical expertise for the procurement of the next generation Coast Guard aviation service. The Department will continue to evaluate best options for provision of aviation advice and expertise either under contract or by direct employment of a subject matter expert.*

*A further update will be provided in Q1 2024."*

**AAIU Comment:**

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

The AAIU also notes the Q4 2022 timescale for further update.

The AAIU considers the status of this Safety Recommendation to be 'In process of implementation'.

The AAIU notes the Minister's response of 19 September 2023.

The AAIU notes the timescale of Q1, 2024 for further updates.

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