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Safety Recommendation:

The National Flight Centre should review the arrangements for all aspects of the operation and management of aircraft on its ATO list, and those operating under its airfield basing agreement, and ensure that unambiguous written agreements are in place that specify the scope and limitations of each party involved with each such aircraft.

Response:

On 4 September 2026, NFC advised the AAIU that:

> "*The National Flight Centre (NFC) has:*
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> • *16 NFC owned aircraft which do not require a lease agreement to be in place.*
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> • *I aircraft not owned by NFC which has an Aircraft Lease Agreement in place with the owners of the aircraft. The agreement is an unambiguous written agreement that specifies the scope and limitations of each party.*
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> • *reviewed its procedures for operating non NFC owned aircraft under its ATO, and any non-ATO aircraft operating under its Lease Agreement, and will update its OMM prior to*
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> *30th September 2026 to include the procedure for ensuring an unambiguous written agreement that specifies the scope and limitations of each party is in place prior to operation.*
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> *The National Flight Centre remains fully committed to maintaining the highest standards of safety and governance.*"

AAIU Comment:

> The AAIU notes NFC's response dated 4 September 2026. The AAIU understands that the reference to "*non-ATO aircraft operating under its Lease Agreement*" refers to aircraft operating under the ATO's basing agreement. The AAIU awaits further updates on the updating on NFC's OMM. The Status of this Safety Recommendation is considered to be "*In process of implementation*".