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Location of Helicopter Training for Singaporean Forces, Hansard 25 March 2011, page 69

Mr Bruce Scott

Referring to the decision to move helicopter training to Nowra from Oakey: Is there any timeline on the Singaporean training effort happening there (in Oakey), or is it still just a work in progress?

Response:

A small component of the Army Base Oakey Instructor Training Wing will relocate to HMAS Albatross at Nowra when Project AIR 9000 Phase 7 has been delivered. This element is the flying instruction training for Army and Navy Pilot, Aircrewman instructor and Navy Observer instructor candidates who will subsequently be employed as Helicopter Aircrew Training System instructors at the Joint Helicopter School to be established at HMAS Albatross.

This is a relatively small subset of overall flying training that is conducted at Oakey. This revised training arrangement will not impact the existing Singaporean presence at Oakey.

The 'Agreement Between the Government of Australia and the Republic of Singapore Concerning the Location of a RSAF (Republic of Singapore Air Force) Helicopter Squadron at the Army Aviation Centre Oakey' is due to expire on 31 December 2012. Planning is in progress to commence negotiations in coming months.