7.4 Use of Government Aircraft

Role and Objective

The government maintains and operates a provincial aviation service. Although Aviation Services is managed and administered by the Department of Lands and Forestry, the helicopters are available for all provincial government departments, agencies and Crown corporations.

The primary objective is to provide effective, efficient, and safe aerial support during natural disasters and other emergency events. As well, the provincial helicopter fleet is utilized for the management, protection, and conservation of our natural resources.

Priority for Use

The priority for use of Aviation Services aircraft are as follows:

- I. Emergency evacuations;
- 2. Inland search and rescue;
- 3. Forest fire detection and suppression;
- 4. Other provincial emergency events;
- 5. Emergency events in other provinces and jurisdictions; and
- 6. Management, protection, and conservation of our natural resources.

Aircraft are subject to recall based on priority of an emergency.

User Rates

Government departments and agencies, external to the Department of Lands and Forestry will be invoiced monthly at the following rates per flight hour:

Airbus H-125 \$700.00

Restraint of Use

Authorization for the usage of Aviation Services aircraft is at the discretion of the Director, Fleet and Forest Protection.

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