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STATE AERIAL FIREFIGHTING OPERATIONS 2018-2019

The following information outlines state aerial firefighting aircraft types and bases for their nominated service periods during the 2018-2019 southern bush fire season.

ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT - JANDAKOT BASE (0900hrs-1800hrs)

Commencing 1 November 2018

- 2 x Bell 214B Type 2 Helitaks for aerial fire suppression
- 1 x AS355 Twin Squirrel Type 3 Firebird for Air Attack Supervision (AAS)
- 1 x AS365 N2 Dauphin Type 2 for AAS, and utility
- 1 x AS365 N2 Dauphin Type 2 Aerial Intelligence platform

Commencing 1 December 2018

- 2 x Bell 214B Type 2 Helitaks for aerial fire suppression

Commencement Date TBA

- 1 x AS350 Squirrel Type 3 Firebird for AAS (with SEATs)

ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT - BUSSELTON BASE (0600hrs-1800hrs)

Commencing 15 December 2018

- 2 x Bell 214B Type 2 Helitaks for aerial fire suppression

ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT – SERPENTINE BASE (0900hrs-1800hrs)

Commencing 20 December 2018

- 1 x Sikorsky S64E Aircrane Type 1 HV for suppression

FIXED WING AIRCRAFT - JANDAKOT, BUNBURY, MANJIMUP and ALBANY

Commencement Dates TBA, (0600hrs-1800hrs)

- 2 x Air Tractor 802 Single Engine Air Tankers (SEATs) at each base
- 1 x Champion Scout AAS platform at each base

Further detail on aerial firefighting services is contained in the [Aerial Firefighting Fleet Fact Sheets](#) available on the DFES intranet.

Further information on automatic responses and call out procedures is available from [SOP 3.11.1 – Aerial Suppression Response](#).

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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OPERATIONS

Target Audience: All personnel involved in Bushfire Operations.				
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