

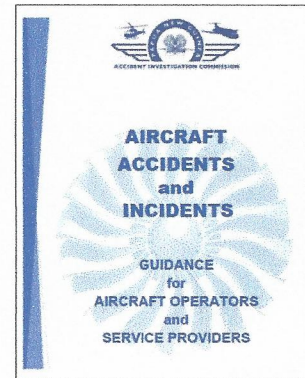
# MEDIA RELEASE

## MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION LAUNCHES PNG ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION COMMISSION GUIDANCE TO AIRCRAFT OPERATORS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS

Hon. Alfred Manase, MP, Minister for Civil Aviation today launched an important booklet to the aviation industry produced by the PNG Accident Investigation Commission.

At the launch of the booklet Mr. Manase said "As Minister responsible for Civil Aviation I am pleased to provide a statement of endorsement to this Booklet produced by the PNG Accident Investigation Commission. As the title states, it provides *GUIDANCE FOR AIRCRAFT OPERATORS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS*."

"The booklet, prepared by the AIC, sets out what the AIC will normally do, what the AIC expects of an aircraft operator and service providers and how the AIC will interface with an operator and/or service provider during an investigation. It has been developed not only to inform PNG-based operators and service providers, but also foreign airlines operating aircraft to and from PNG."



"The AIC is the Nation's lead agency in conducting independent no-blame aircraft accident investigations to determine why an accident or serious incident happened and make findings and recommendations for preventing similar accidents or serious incidents in the future."

"The expectations of the International Civil Aviation Organization are being met and in many areas are being exceeded by the AIC. I am particularly pleased that the AIC is producing high quality investigation reports that are receiving endorsement from ICAO, States of Manufacture, and aircraft manufacturers. Significant safety actions have been taken by aircraft manufacturers, operators and service providers to address safety concerns identified during AIC investigations, with some having international ramifications for global aviation safety."

"The AIC is now well placed as a leader in aircraft accident and serious incident investigations in the South Pacific Region. This International recognition of the AIC's investigation capability was evidenced on 28 July 2018 when the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu requested assistance from the AIC, and subsequently delegated the whole of the investigation into a major aircraft accident involving a ATR 72-500 aircraft at Port Vila, Vanuatu to the PNG AIC. The AIC team is also providing a significant amount of assistance to the investigators from the Federated States of Micronesia for the investigation into the Boeing 737 that impacted the water of the Chuuk Lagoon 460 metres short of the runway at Chuuk."

"The Chief Commissioner, Mr. Hubert Namani, and his Executive Management team have shown strong leadership, and the strength of commitment of the AIC team of investigators and support staff is obvious to me, and I congratulate all members of the AIC for the service they are performing on behalf of the Nation."

"The AIC's technical resources include a Flight Recorder Laboratory, and with the imminent procurement of the state of the art *Memory Access Retrieval System (MARS)* from Plane Sciences in Canada, and the associated *Flight Animation* software, the AIC is a major step closer to ensuring the organisation will be able to keep pace with technological advancements in the aviation industry well into the future."

"Recently the AIC recruited new investigation staff, providing a significant boost to the AIC's technical capabilities. I am committed to ensuring the AIC is able to meet its International obligations and its legislated mandate, through appropriate resourcing."

"I commend this guidance booklet to all PNG aviation industry personnel."

  
Hon. Alfred Manase, MP  
Minister for Civil Aviation