

7.4 Use of Government Aircraft

Role and Objective

The government maintains an aircraft fleet under the administration and management of the Department of Natural Resources. The objective is to provide aerial support in emergency situations and for resource development and management programs administered by provincial departments, agencies, and Crown corporations.

Priority for Use

Priority for use of the aircraft is as follows:

1. Medical evacuations
2. Ground search and rescue
3. Forest fire detection and suppression
4. Provincial emergency situations
5. Resource development and management

In the event of a forest fire or other emergency, aircraft are subject to immediate recall.

User Rates

Government departments and agencies using the aircraft will be invoiced monthly at the following hourly rates:

- MD 500 helicopter - \$400 per flying hour
- Bell 212 helicopter - \$1000 per flying hour
- EC 120 helicopter - \$600 per flying hour

Restraint of Use

Unless specifically authorized, government aircraft are not to be used for aerial photography. These requirements are to be contracted to the private sector.

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