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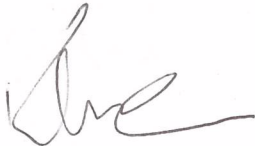
Dear David,

In answer to the questions posed in your letter of 16 January:

1. The AAIB operates under European Regulation 996/2010 and is also subject to The Civil Aviation (Investigation of Air Accidents and Incidents) Regulations 1996.
2. The AAIB's principal legal duty is to conduct independent safety investigations into all notifiable civil air accidents and serious incidents.
3. The AAIB's principal legal powers are set out in the referenced legislation and include:
 - immediate unrestricted and unhampered access to the accident site and any wreckage
 - entitlement to examine any witnesses
 - access to all relevant information and records including flight recorders and their contents
 - access to the results of any autopsies and medical examination of people involved in the operation of the aircraft
4. The AAIB's target is to investigate 100% of all notifiable accidents and serious incidents as defined by EU 996/2010 in the UK and respond to 100% of notifications and requests from accident investigation authorities in other countries. The AAIB has a target of completing investigations within one year or putting out an annual statement of progress if that cannot be met.

5. The AAIB is fully funded by the DfT and currently has an annual budget of £6.7 million

Yours sincerely



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