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I have a media request from CBC tracking the events of the Makkovik search. They have apparently also called the JRCC (who sent them to us saying EMO was the lead) and RCMP. According to the reporter, as air resources weren't in the air till Tuesday, they are hearing reports the request went in Sunday night. They are examining the delays in getting a chopper in the air.

The Minister is aware and we've discussed a written response to the reporter, as we can only outline when the requests were made and outline the JRCC and Universal flying capacity as reported to us at that time. We were a support agency to the lead, RCMP. He's agreed with the approach.

Please review the understood sequence on events below for accuracy or the potential need to change/add the points involved.

FES-NL's Emergency Services division engages air services for search and rescue missions at the request of policing agencies. The Agency engage either a private operator or Joint Rescue Coordination Center resources, based on the time of day requested and the resources, to provide support to the lead agency, RCMP or RNC.

In the event of the Makkovik search, the requests and responses unfolded as follows:

Two requests were received from the lead agency, RCMP.

1. Monday evening-- FES-NL requested services from JRCC for night search. JRCC was unable to accommodate request due to a combination of their flying capacity and weather

During the evening, broken ice found. individual suspected to have gone through the ice. Ground search continued.

2. Tuesday evening-- FES-NL requested services from JRCC for night search. JRCC could accommodate.

In addition, Wednesday-- day search. Private operator Universal was able to provide resources supplied by the Provincial Government to aid the search.

FES-NL also understands from the RCMP that private air resources out of Labrador also assisted in the search efforts throughout.