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Emergency Services Co-ordinator

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“We have received reports of a missing group of 13, last seen near the area where the fire started.

They were due to arrive at a Hostel on the island at 1pm and it is now 4pm.

The owner called the police because he was worried due to the spreading fire.

We do not know what has happened and will investigate further but we would like to ask for your assistance in searching for the group.

Our doctors also suggest that the sooner we can pick these people up the less likely they are going to suffer any injuries – as the day-time temperatures in this remote area regularly reach over 40°C.”



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84 Squadron Headquarters

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“Because of the hazardous reports coming from the fire-affected area, we will give you access to some of our resources - a Griffin helicopter and crew, and The Ground Rescue Team.

Each of our Griffin helicopters has seating space for 8 people excluding the crew. However when carrying the injured the number of available passenger spaces would be reduced.

These teams will now provide you with relevant information regarding how they can help you with the operation.”



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RAF Helicopter Command

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“There are a number of options for the operation.

We can perform fly-overs of the region using advanced optical imaging equipment that works during the day as well as at night.

The helicopter can also be prepared fairly quickly to undertake a pick up once the group is located.

However, this may be dangerous in severe winds.”



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Ground Rescue Team

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“We can begin a ground search as soon as you give the order to do so.

We will only be able to move as fast as the terrain allows and, due to the adverse weather conditions, our progress will be slow.

Because we are ground-based we will be able to help the missing group the moment that they are located - we carry emergency equipment with us.

Once the group are located we can place a call to the Griffin helicopter and support a pick up of any of those who require urgent medical treatment.

However, we are unable to search at night due to the lack of visibility. This only gives us a few hours of search time today - we may (just) be able to find them in that time.”



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Weather Expert, MET Office

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“There are severe winds across the island.

Current wind speeds, approaching gale force, will prohibit the effectiveness of any search.

The weather situation is due to ease over the next couple of hours but will return and gain strength by the end of the day.

I will keep you up-to-date with any new information, as and when I receive it.”



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