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LETTER TO OWNERS/OPERATORS NO 2154 EUROCOPTER AS355 SERIES HELICOPTERS RESTRICTED VIEW OF WARNING CAUTION ADVISORY PANEL

This LTO has been raised to advise Owners and Operators of AS 355 Series helicopters of a potential problem in viewing the warning caution advisory panel.

MOR 99/02220 referred to difficulty in observing a door open warning on an AS 355 helicopter due to obscuration of the top two rows of the warning caution advisory panel by the instrument panel glare shield. Operators of AS 355's should be aware that certain pilots may not be able to observe the attention getter (ALARM) and/or part of the warning panel. This will only affect pilots who have a well above average sitting height. It should also be noted that not all aircraft panels are to the same design standard, so assessment of individual pilot/aircraft combinations should be made.

Pilots who experience difficulty in viewing the warning panel and/or attention getter should take particular care to be aware of any malfunctions that are indicated by the warning panel.

Enquiries regarding this LTO should be referred to Mr A J Houghton, Flight Department (Telephone No 01293 573093) at the above address.

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