

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198700093**

Cessna A185-E

10 January 1987

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Occurrence Number: 198700093
Location: Meekatharra WA
Date: 10 January 1987
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: 1913

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	1

Aircraft Details: Cessna A185-E
Registration: VH-KPF
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Aerial Work (Business)
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Jandakot WA
Departure Time: 1635
Destination: Meekatharra WA

Approved for Release: May 14th 1987

Circumstances:

When the pilot arrived at the destination, he noted that the wind direction indicator showed apparently calm conditions. Almost immediately after touchdown the aircraft began to swing to the right. Attempts to correct the swing were unsuccessful and the left gear leg collapsed. After vacating the aircraft the pilot noticed that there had been a quartering tailwind of about 10 knots during the landing. The pilot was inexperienced on the operation of tailwheel type aircraft, this being his first flight on such a type following a two hour endorsement. This accident was not the subject of an on-site investigation.