

## AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION SUMMARY REPORT

Reference No.

AS 691/1002

## 1. LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE

Rockhampton Aerodrome, QUEENSLAND.	Height a.m.s.l. (ft) 29 feet	Date 6.2.69	Time (Local) 1710	Zone EST
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## 2. THE AIRCRAFT

Make and Model PA 32-300	Registration VH-CHT	Certificate of Airworthiness	Valid from 18.4.68	Valid to 17.4.77
Registered Owner Central Highlands Air Taxi, P.O. Box 172, EMERALD, QUEENSLAND.	Operator Central Highlands Air Taxi, P.O. Box 172, EMERALD, QUEENSLAND.	Degree of damage to aircraft Substantial		
		Other property damaged -		

## Defects discovered

The forward baggage compartment door lock assembly was slightly loose.

## 3. THE FLIGHT

Last or intended departure point Rockhampton Aerodrome	Time of departure 1710	Next point of intended landing Jellingbah Station	Purpose of flight Carriage of Pass- enger and cargo	Class of operation Charter
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## 4. THE CREW

Name	Status	Age	Class of licence	Hours on type	Total hours	Degree of injury
James William JOHNSON	Pilot	30	Commercial	300 hours	800 hours	Nil

## 5. OTHER PERSONS (All passengers and persons injured on ground)

Name	Status	Degree of injury	Name	Status	Degree of injury
Roger Graham WOOD	Passenger	Nil			

## 6. CONTRAVENTIONS OF REGULATIONS AND ORDERS

Regulation or Order No.	Nature of contravention

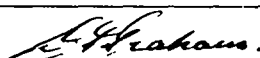
## 7. RELEVANT EVENTS

After take-off and at a height of 80 feet, the pilot noticed that the front baggage compartment door was open. With approximately 2,500 feet of runway remaining he decided to land immediately and, without changing the attitude of the aircraft, closed the throttle. The aircraft sank rapidly and power was not increased until just before the aircraft landed heavily in a level attitude.

## 8. OPINION AS TO CAUSE

The cause of the accident was that, after aborting his take-off, the pilot did not use the proper technique to land the aircraft.

Report approved



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Date

5.9.69