

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – 423rd UKFSC SIE MEETING – 18 MARCH 2015

- 1. BAe 146 gear failed to retract on night leg to Guernsey. ATC and following aircraft unaware of any problem until crew made ‘no stops’ request after landing. (5.1)**
- 2. A320 Alpha-floor event during night visual approach to Paphos in January. The autopilot was in Open Descent mode and flight directors were off (no ATHR). The Alpha-floor protection culminated in a high-energy go-around and a TCAS RA. (5.1)**
- 3. MLG retraction actuator failure on B747-400 departing LGW in Dec led to hydraulic failure and right outer MLG failed to lower; successful landing at LGW. (5.1)**
- 4. Green laser attack at LHR left a pilot with permanent eye damage. The CAA LWG is being re-energised. (5.4, 5.5)**
- 5. 4 falls from height including 2 that resulted in broken bones; the latter falls were both from loading equipment. (5.6)**
- 6. B787 ops. 3 occurrences of combustor and fuel nozzle distress on the GENx engines; problem being monitored by Boeing. (5.7)**
- 7. Servicing gantry fell onto the nose of a helicopter during a blade lift. Brakes had been applied to the gantry but outriggers were not braced. Cosmetic damage only. (5.8)**
- 8. MilAAIB report on the A330 pitch-down incident (Feb 2014) now published; a camera trapped between the captain’s seat and the sidestick produced a nose-down pitch input when the seat was moved forwards. (5.10)**
- 9. A320 in Jeddah lost an engine cowling on departure. The cowling had been opened for a pre-flight check of IDG oil. (5.13)**
- 10. A320 damaged in pushback incident when towbar shear pin broke. (5.13)**
- 11. Spate of turbulence encounters; some severe cabin crew injuries. Most incidents occurred in descent, some in cruise, none in climb. (5.16)**

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