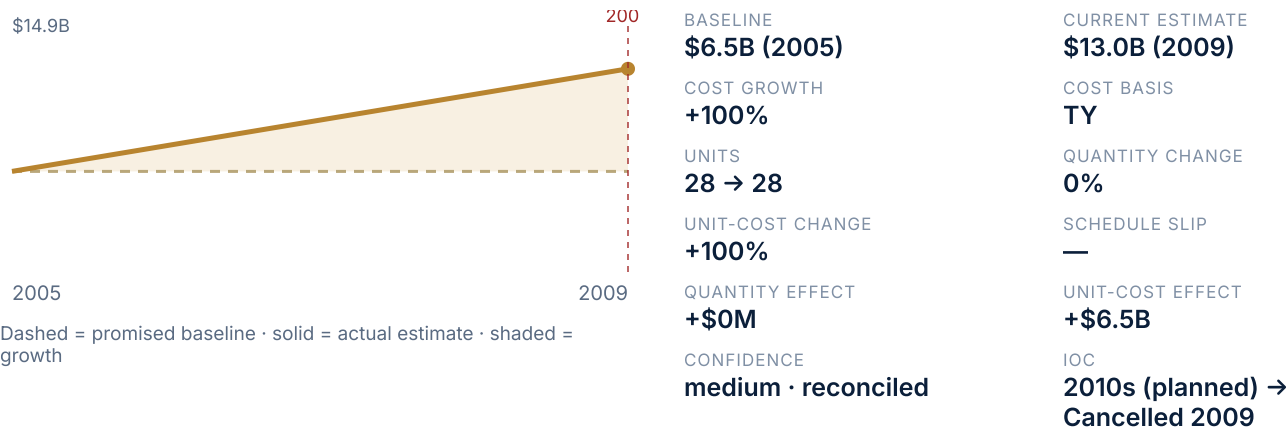


VH-71 Kestrel

VH-71 · Navy · Lockheed Martin **CANCELLED**

+100% \$6.5B (2005) → \$13.0B (2009)



ASSESSMENT

The presidential helicopter that roughly doubled (\$6.5B → \$13B) on requirements creep and concurrency before Gates cancelled it June 2009 — zero operational aircraft, ~\$3.2B sunk.

DOCUMENTED EVENTS

2009 Cancelled (Gates)

SOURCE

CRS [RS22103](#) (confirmed): 23 helicopters at \$6.5B originally → "over \$13B" at cancellation, then-year.