



Cabinet

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Minute of Decision

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Minister of Veterans' Affairs

Copies to:

Prime Minister
Deputy Prime Minister
Minister of Finance
Hon Jim Anderton
Associate Minister of Finance
(Hon Trevor Mallard)
Controller and Auditor-General

2007 Budget Package: Vote Veteran's Affairs - Defence

On 19 April 2007, Cabinet:

Administering Department: New Zealand Defence Force

1. **approved** the Budget initiatives for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2007 Budget package, as listed in the summary below and detailed in the attached initiative documents;

Summary of initiatives included in the attached initiative documents:

Operating Initiatives (Impact on Operating Balance)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11 & Outyears
4175	Commemorations	-	0.196	-	-	-
4477	Response to the Joint Working Group Report on the Concerns of Viet Nam Veterans	-	5.320	0.352	0.352	0.352
Total Operating		-	5.516	0.352	0.352	0.352

Capital Initiatives (Impact on Debt)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11 & Outyears
Total Capital		-	-	-	-	-

2. **agreed** to establish new appropriations where required to implement these initiatives, as described in the attached initiative documents;

3. **approved** the changes to appropriations and/or projected balances of net assets of the administering department (where applicable) to implement the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
4. **approved** the additional recommendations (where applicable) to give effect to the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
5. **agreed** that the proposed changes to appropriations and/or projected balances of net assets for 2006/07 above be included in the 2006/07 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increases be met from Imprest Supply;
6. **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Vote Minister to approve jointly any technical adjustments to baselines necessary to remove any errors or inconsistencies identified while finalising the 2006/07 Supplementary Estimates, the 2007/08 Estimates and the fiscal forecasts;
7. **noted** that all communications relating to the 2007 Budget are co-ordinated by a Budget communications committee, and that any requests for early announcement will need to have both the written approval of the Minister of Finance and sign-off from the Prime Minister's office.

Secretary of the Cabinet

Reference: CAB (07) 135; CAB (07) 135A

Initiative No: 4175**Vote:** Veterans' Affairs**Title:** Commemorations**Description:** To provide for official government attendance at the commemoration of the 90th anniversary of Passchendaele.**Theme:** National Identity**Theme Objective:** Connecting to our heritage**Performance Information****Performance Text**

Effective assistance for veteran attendance at commemorations and as a contribution to ensuring that the community is aware of the role veterans played and continue to play in developing New Zealand as a nation.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11& Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	0.196	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	0.196	-	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11& Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General):					
Policy and Administration (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	0.196	-	-	-
Total Operating	-	0.196	-	-	-
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Initiative No: 4477

Vote: Veterans' Affairs**Title:** Response to the Joint Working Group Report on the Concerns of Viet Nam Veterans**Description:** To provide for the arrangements covered by a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by the Crown with the Ex-Viet Nam Services Association and the Royal New Zealand Returned and Services Association regarding the concerns of Viet Nam Veterans.**Theme:** National Identity**Theme Objective:** Non-specific**Performance Information****Performance Text**

The delivery of outcomes agreed in an MOU as signed by the Crown with the Ex-Vietnam Services Association and the Royal New Zealand Returned and Services Association with respect to the concerns of Viet Nam Veterans.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11& Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	5.320	0.352	0.352	0.352
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	5.320	0.352	0.352	0.352

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11& Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General):					
Policy and Administration (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	3.260	0.150	0.150	0.150
Services to Veterans (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	0.560	0.202	0.202	0.202
Other Expenses to be Incurred by the Crown:					
Ex-Gratia Payments	-	1.500	-	-	-
Total Operating	-	5.320	0.352	0.352	0.352
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-