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Minute of Decision

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Budget 2012: Vote Veterans' Affairs – Defence Force

On 23 April 2012, Cabinet:

- 1 **approved** the Budget initiatives for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2012 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)				
		2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16 & Outyears
7450	War Pension Coverage for Additional Deployments	-	0.881	0.957	1.104	1.352
Total Operating		-	0.881	0.957	1.104	1.352

- 2 **approved** the changes to appropriations to implement the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative document;
- 3 **approved** the additional recommendations to give effect to the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative document;
- 4 **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 2011/12 Supplementary Estimates, the 2012/13 Estimates and the fiscal forecasts;
- 5 **noted** that all communications relating to the 2012 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;
- 6 [6]

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Secretary of the Cabinet

References: CAB (12) 154; CAB (12) 155

Initiative No: 7450

Vote: Veterans' Affairs - Defence Force

Title: War Pension Coverage for Additional Deployments

Description: Cost of recognising ten additional deployments as emergencies under the War Pensions Act 1954. From 1 July 2012 claimants will be eligible for war pensions in respect of veterans with service in any of these ten additional deployments.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	0.881	0.957	1.104	1.352
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	0.881	0.957	1.104	1.352

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16 & Outyears
Benefits and Other Unrequited Expense:					
War Disablement Pensions	-	0.881	0.957	1.104	1.352
Total Operating	-	0.881	0.957	1.104	1.352
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Additional Recommendations

- 8 **noted** that there is a small associated impact for Vote Veterans' Affairs: Social Development [CAB Min (12) 13/3(36) Initiative 7503];
- 9 **noted** that the increased cost trend during the forecast period is expected to continue in the outyears;
- 10 **noted** that the ten deployments referred to in the initiative are:
 - 10.1 Commonwealth Monitoring Group Rhodesia – Operation Midford (December 1979 to March 1980);
 - 10.2 South Pacific Peacekeeping Force, Bougainville (September to October 1994), the Truce Monitoring Group (October 1997 to April 1998) and the Peace Monitoring Group (May 1998 to June 2003);
 - 10.3 United Nations Mine Clearing Training Team into Afghanistan (1991);
 - 10.4 United Nations Special Commission Iraq (June 1991 to December 1999);
 - 10.5 United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission Iraq (November 2002 to March 2003);

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- 10.6 United Nations Advance Mission in Cambodia (October 1991 to March 1992), United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (February 1992 to September 1993), and the Cambodian Mine Action Centre and Mine Clearance Training Unit (December 1991 to November 1993);
- 10.7 United Nations Operations in Somalia (January 1993 to March 1995);
- 10.8 United Nations Mission in Haiti (September 1994 to March 1995);
- 10.9 United Nations Mission in Sudan (17 September 2005 to current);
- 10.10 United Nations Mine Action Coordination Centre in Southern Lebanon (February 2007 to February 2008).