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Minute of Decision

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Budget 2013 Package: Vote Defence Force

Portfolio: Defence

On 15 April 2013, Cabinet:

- 1 **approved** the Budget initiatives for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2013 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)				
		2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17 & Outyears
7734	Reprioritisation of Operationally Deployed Forces Appropriations	-	(30.000)	(30.000)	(30.000)	(30.000)
Total Operating		-	(30.000)	(30.000)	(30.000)	(30.000)

- 2 **approved** the changes to appropriations to implement the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 3 **approved** the additional recommendations to give effect to the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 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 2012/13 Supplementary Estimates, the 2013/14 Estimates and the fiscal forecasts;
- 5 **note** that all communications relating to the 2013 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]

for Secretary of the Cabinet

Reference: CAB (13) 203

Initiative No: 7734

Vote: Defence Force**Title:** Reprioritisation of Operationally Deployed Forces Appropriations**Description:** A reduction in the New Zealand Defence Force funding required for historic Operationally Deployed Forces commitments provides for the return of funding to the Crown to be reprioritised.**Appropriation changes**

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	(30.000)	(30.000)	(30.000)	(30.000)
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	(30.000)	(30.000)	(30.000)	(30.000)

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expense:					
Operationally Deployed Forces Annual (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(30.000)	(30.000)	(30.000)	(30.000)
Total Operating	-	(30.000)	(30.000)	(30.000)	(30.000)
Total Capital	-	-	-	-	-

Additional recommendation

7 noted that the reduction in historic Operationally Deployed Forces commitments provides the opportunity for previously reserved funding to be returned to the Crown;

Initiative No: 7736

Vote: Defence Force

Title: Vote Defence Force In-Principle Retention of Underspends

Description: An in-principle retention of underspends of up to \$30 million for delayed projects and further underspends identified. The actual amount will be confirmed after the audited results are available.

Additional recommendations

- 8 **noted** that potential delays and further underspends require an in-principle retention of underspends of up to \$30 million from 2012/13 to 2013/14;
- 9 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Defence jointly to determine the final amount to be transferred, following the completion of the 2012/13 audited financial statements, with no impact on the operating balance.