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Date: 12 April 2017

To: Minister of Finance (Hon Steven Joyce)

Cc: Associate Minister of Finance (Hon Simon Bridges)
Associate Minister of Finance (Hon Amy Adams)

Deadline: None

Aide Memoire: Meeting with the Minister of Defence

The Minister of Defence has requested to meet with you on Tuesday 18 April at 2pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to follow up on recent Cabinet committee discussions on the [40]

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Defence Estate Regeneration

The Minister may also raise the Budget decision on funding for the Defence Estate Regeneration Tranche 1 (which was scaled from ^[33] billion to \$100 million).

Defence considers that scaling the funding is inconsistent with the in-principle commitments taken by Cabinet and Joint Ministers to fund the Estate regeneration, and removes scope to flexibly apply Estate funding across its portfolio in order to respond to other cost pressures.

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Defence Estate (if required)

- The decision to scale this initiative was taken with regard to pressures across the capital allowance.
- Information was sought from Defence on the nature and prioritisation of projects within the funding Tranche.
- Based on the information provided by Defence, the \$100 million envelope approved was assessed as sufficient to cover funding for projects which ensure health and safety and regulatory compliance, as well as projects which directly support the acquisition of other capabilities in the White Paper.

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