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Cabinet

CAB Min (04) 41/31

Minute of Decision

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Additional Item: Afghanistan and International Campaign Against Terrorism: Options for Continuing New Zealand Defence Force Participation in 2005

On 13 December 2004, Cabinet noted that on 6 December 2004 Ministers with Power to Act in respect of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) (Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Hon Jim Anderton, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Minister of Defence) [CAB Min (02) 34/17]:

- 1 noted the continuous involvement of New Zealand Defence Force personnel and assets in Operation Enduring Freedom since December 2001 [CAB Min (02) 23/2; CAB Min (02) 30/20; CAB Min (03) 19/12; and CAB Min (04) 8/5];

Out of scope

- 3 approved an extension to the New Zealand Provincial Reconstruction Team in Bamyán province, Afghanistan, for 12 months, until 30 September 2006, at a cost of \$25.804 million;
- 4 noted the request from the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan for the New Zealand Provincial Reconstruction Team to conduct patrols of the ethnically-Harzan Sharistan and Nili districts of northern Dai Kundi province;
- 5 agreed that the Provincial Reconstruction Team be augmented with resources to allow the ad hoc patrolling of the northern districts of Dai Kundi province without denuding the Bamyán mission at a cost of up to \$4.854 million, based on deployment from 1 February 2005 to 30 September 2006;

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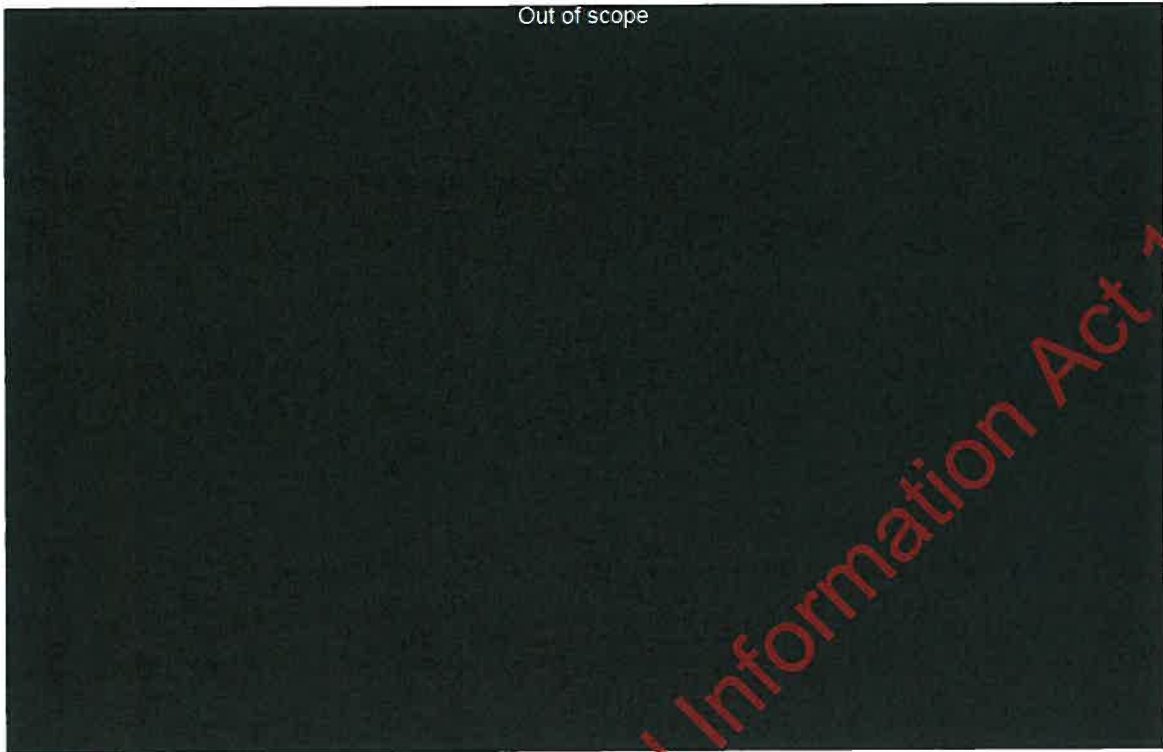
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agreed to consider further the request for two New Zealand Police officers to assist with police training at the Regional Training Centre in Bamyan, with a report on this matter to be provided to Cabinet by 18 January 2005;

Out of scope

Financial Implications

Out of scope



Announcements

- 20 noted that the Prime Minister and Minister of Defence would make a public announcement of these decisions following the Cabinet meeting on 18 January 2005;
- 21 directed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade to advise senior contacts in key capitals of these decisions in the period preceding the public announcement.

Secretary of the Cabinet

Secretary's Note:

1. Cabinet considered the request for New Zealand Police to assist with police training at Bamyan (see paragraph 16) on 18 January 2005. Its decision is set out in CAB Min (05) 1/3.
2. On 18 January 2005 Cabinet also noted that the Prime Minister and Minister of Defence would make an announcement about the deployments on 25 January 2005.