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Minute of Decision

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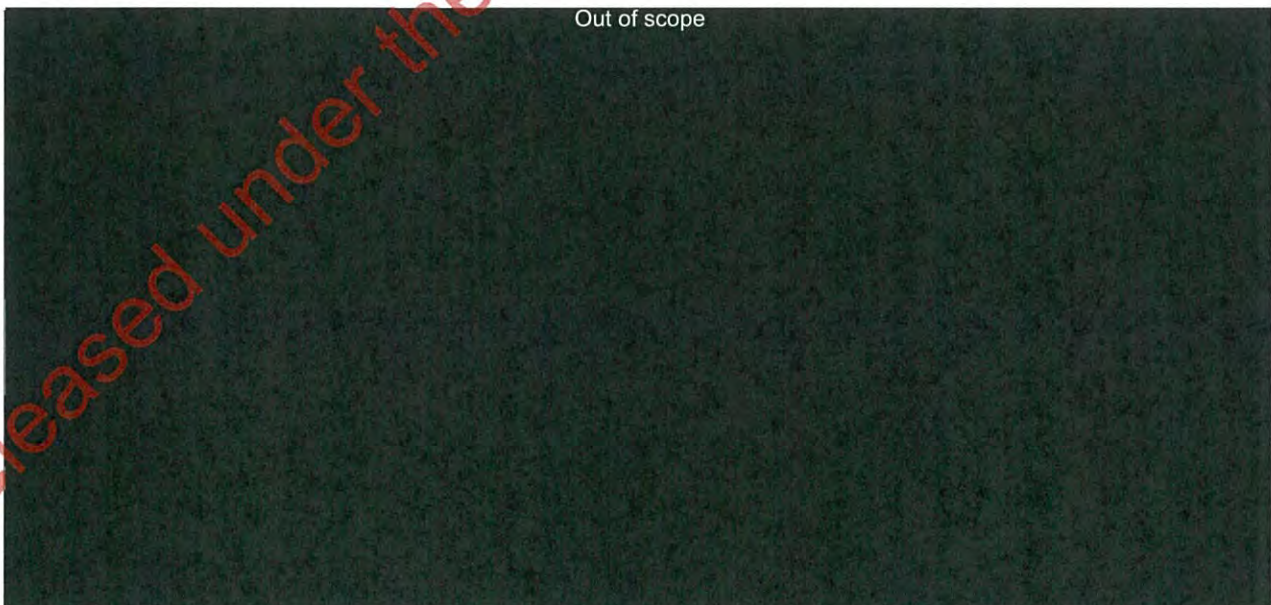
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Additional Item: New Zealand Defence Force Deployments: Afghanistan

On 23 February 2004, Cabinet:

Background



Out of scope

- 2 **noted** that on 18 February 2004 Ministers with Power to Act also agreed that the current deployment of the Bamian Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) in Afghanistan should continue for an additional 12 months;

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Approval of Extension of Bamian Provincial Reconstruction Team

- 3 **noted** that on 7 July 2003 Cabinet approved the deployment of up to 100 NZDF personnel to set up and lead the Bamian PRT in Afghanistan for 12 months, from late September 2003, with a possible extension of a further 12 months [CAB Min (03) 23/3A];
- 4 **noted** that the New Zealand PRT is successfully progressing its three key objectives of creating a secure operating environment, extending the authority of the central government, and undertaking reconstruction;
- 5 **agreed** that the impact and effectiveness of the PRT would be enhanced by extending the deployment for an extra 12 months;
- 6 **authorised** an extension to the PRT for 12 months, from September 2004, at a cost of \$25.041 million.

Secretary of the Cabinet

Reference: Paper tabled by Minister of Defence, entitled "New Zealand Defence Force Deployments: Afghanistan".

Secretary's Note: Cabinet Office understands that a further paper will be submitted to the Cabinet External Relations and Defence Committee in due course on the financial implications of the deployment options agreed to by Cabinet.