



Cabinet Policy Committee

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Minute of Decision

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Afghanistan: Additional Troop Support to the New Zealand Provincial Reconstruction Team

On 19 March 2008, the Cabinet Policy Committee:

- 1 noted that in November 2007, Cabinet agreed:
 - 1.1 to the continued deployment of the New Zealand Provincial Reconstruction Team (NZPRT) of up to 122 New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) personnel, plus associated support staff, based mainly in Bamyan province, with associated support staff at Bagram airbase and in Kabul, for one year from 30 September 2008 until 30 September 2009;
 - 1.2 that the sustainability and configuration of New Zealand's security contributions in Afghanistan be reviewed in 2008;
- [CAB Min (07) 42/13]
- 2 noted that in response to concerns of deteriorating security in Afghanistan, the Chief of Defence Force deployed a review team to Afghanistan in December 2007 to assess the security situation as it pertains to the NZPRT;
- 3 noted that the review team's report highlighted a personnel shortfall within the NZPRT contingent that presents a threat to the security of the NZPRT;
- 4 agreed to funding for the deployment of up to 18 additional personnel to the NZPRT in Afghanistan, including up to 14 infantry personnel to Kiwibase, Bamyan and up to 4 infantry personnel to the National Security Element at Bagram airbase;
- 5 noted that the Chief of Defence Force has determined that the deployment of regular infantry will be sufficient to meet the security requirements;

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- 6 noted that the marginal cost of the deployment of an additional 18 personnel to Afghanistan from 1 April 2008 to 30 September 2009 is estimated at \$3.25 million, and that this cost will be managed as a component of the Multi-Year Appropriation for Vote Defence Force, Departmental Output Expense Operationally Deployed Forces for FY 07/08 (\$0.742 million), and from the Annual Appropriation Vote Defence Force, Departmental Output Expense, Operationally Deployed Forces for FY 08/09 (\$2.508 million).

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Kate Mallalieu
Secretary

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