



Cabinet Business Committee

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Minute of Decision

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New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) and New Zealand Police Contributions to Afghanistan and the NZDF Contribution to the United Nations Assistance Mission in Iraq: Extension

On 21 November 2005, the Cabinet Business Committee:

Background

- 1 noted the continuous involvement of New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) 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, CAB Min (04) 8/5, and CAB Min (04) 41/31];
- 2 noted that in early 2006 Ministers will be asked to consider future options for the totality of New Zealand's military commitment to Operation Enduring Freedom and Afghanistan;

Afghanistan

- 3 noted that the mandates for the following headquarters and supporting deployments are due to expire in December 2005:

Out of scope



- 3.5 two New Zealand Police officers providing training to Afghan National Police in Bamyán [CAB Min (05) 1/3];

Financial implications

- 11 **noted** that the marginal costs of extending the NZDF deployment will be managed as a component of the Multi Year Appropriation for Vote Defence Force, Departmental Output Expense Operationally Deployed Forces, while the fixed costs will be contained in Vote Defence Force Output Expenses Land Combat Forces and Land Combat Support Forces for the 2005/06 and 2006/07 financial years;
- 12 **noted** that the costs for the New Zealand Police deployment will be funded by NZAID within existing funding already approved by Ministers for NZAID's 2005/06 Afghanistan programme;

Consultation

- 13 **noted** that the Associate Minister of Defence indicates that consultation is not required with the government caucuses or other parties represented in Parliament.

Geoff Daniels
Secretary

Reference: CBC (05) 269

Present:

Rt Hon Helen Clark (Chair)
Hon Dr Michael Cullen
Hon Jim Anderton
Hon Steve Maharey
Hon Phil Goff
Hon Annette King
Hon Trevor Mallard
Hon Parekura Horomia
Hon Mark Burton
Hon Rick Barker
Hon David Benson-Pope
Hon David Parker

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Chief of Defence Force
Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade
State Services Commissioner
Commissioner of Police
Minister of Foreign Affairs

4 **noted that** [redacted] s6(a) [redacted] asked New Zealand to consider participation in its senior police mentoring initiative and that such a role could be effectively performed by New Zealand Police staff in Bamyan, adding value to their current training role;

5 **approved the following deployments in Afghanistan:**

[redacted] Out of scope

5.5 two New Zealand Police staff to provide training to the Afghanistan National Police in Bamyan Province until 30 September 2006;

6 **approved the deployment of an additional New Zealand Police officer to undertake a senior mentoring role in Bamyan with a mandate until 30 September 2006;**

[redacted] Out of scope

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