

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

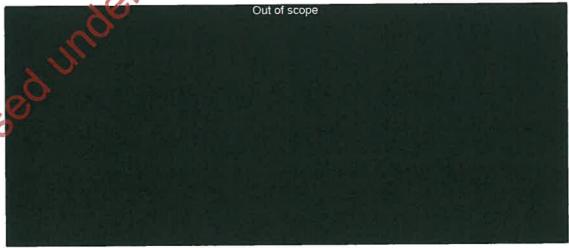
On 21 November 2005, the Cabinet Business Committee:

Background

- 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];
- noted that in early 2006 Ministers will be asked to consider future options for the totality of New Zealand's military communent to Operation Enduring Freedom and Afghanistan;

Afghanistan

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



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

Financial implications

- 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;
- 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

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

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Hon David Benson-Pope

Hon David Burker

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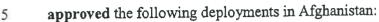
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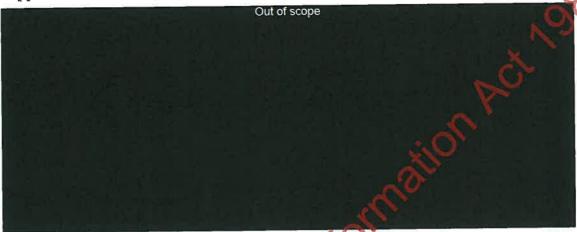
Officials present from:

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Office of the Prime Minister

noted that 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;





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

