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## Minute of Decision

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### New Zealand Commitments in Afghanistan: Transition Strategy and Resourcing

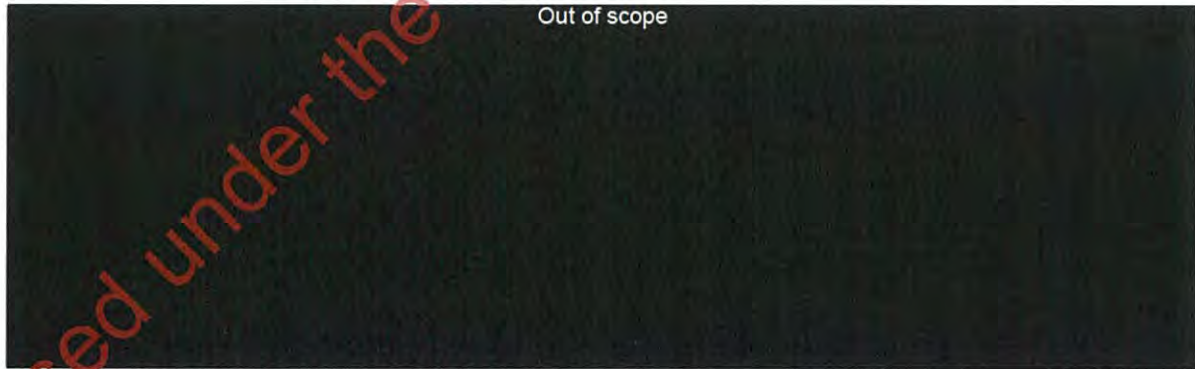
Portfolios: Police / Foreign Affairs / Defence

On 11 April 2011, following reference from the Cabinet External Relations and Defence Committee, Cabinet:

#### Extension of mandates

- 1 **agreed** to an in-principle commitment of the New Zealand-led Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) in Bamyan province until 2014;
- 2 **agreed** that the current PRT and New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) Afghanistan mandates be extended for 12 months until September 2012 as follows<sup>1</sup>:
  - 2.1 up to 140 NZDF PRT personnel, based mainly in Bamyan with associated support staff at Bagram airbase and in Kabul;

Out of scope



2.6 five NZ Police officers to lead the EU Police Mission (EUPOL) civilian policing assistance programme in Bamyan, and that this capacity-building is a key requirement for handing over security responsibility to the Afghan National Police;

3 **approved** the extension of the mandates for the PRT and NZDF in Afghanistan for 12-month periods from September 2012 and from September 2013, subject to a Cabinet decision on the configuration of the mandates prior to each annual extension;

<sup>1</sup> Cabinet has separately noted the appointment of a resident Ambassador to Kabul, a civilian PRT Director and a Development Advisor to Bamyan [CAB Min (10) 10/4].

### Development and governance

- 4 noted that New Zealand's development assistance will focus on the agriculture and energy sectors, and such assistance is expected to continue after New Zealand's military transition from the province;
- 5 noted that New Zealand will engage with international partners on ways to enhance local capacity in Bamyan in the governance sector;

### Security

- 6 agreed that New Zealand pursue with the Afghan Government and ISAF the deployment of an Afghan or ISAF unit to the north-east of Bamyan province;

### Financial implications of extending NZDF deployments

- 7 noted that the estimated cost of extending the NZDF deployments in Afghanistan (Operation ARIKI) from September 2011 until August 2012 is \$41.014 million (\$28.750 million for 2011/12 and \$12.264 million for 2012/13);

### Policing

- 8 approved the following fiscally neutral adjustment to fund the continued deployment of the two additional NZ Police officers to Bamyan until 30 September 2012, with no impact on the operating balance or debt:

	\$m -- increase/(decrease)				
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
<b>Vote Police</b>					
<b>Minister of Police</b>					
Departmental Output Expense: Specific Crime Prevention Services and Maintenance of Public Order (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.162	0.163	-	-
<b>Vote Defence Force</b>					
<b>Minister of Defence</b>					
Departmental Output Expense: Operationally Deployed Forces Annual (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(0.162)	(0.163)	-	-

- 9 agreed that the changes to appropriations for 2011/12 above be included in the 2011/12 Estimates;

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Reference: CAB (11) 175; ERD Min (11) 2/3

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