



**BUDGET
2025**

THE GROWTH BUDGET

Factsheet

Budget 2025 Defence Funding

OVERALL BUDGET PACKAGE: \$4.2 billion, most of it over four years.

NZDF OPERATING: \$957 million over the next four years.

DEFENCE PROJECTS: \$2.7 billion of capital and \$563 million operating funding for priority major projects identified in the 2025 Defence Capability Plan.

Defence projects (capital and operating)

- **Maritime helicopter replacement:** Replacing the Seasprite maritime helicopters with a new fleet of maritime helicopters to operate from Navy ships (previously announced).
- **Replacing the Boeing 757 fleet:** Replacing two Boeing 757s to support military operations and deployments (including to Antarctica), humanitarian and disaster relief support, and trade and diplomatic missions.
- **Javelin anti-tank missile upgrade:** Replacing the Javelin anti-armour missile system launch units with the newer variant. The new units will ensure interoperability and provide the NZDF with the ability to engage targets at longer ranges.
- **Network Enabled Army (NEA):** New encrypted radios to provide deployed units with secure voice communication and additional equipment for deployable headquarters. This expands on the network developed by earlier investment in the NEA programme, and ensures NZ remains interoperable with Australia and other partners.
- **Counter Uncrewed Aerial Systems:** The counter-UAS system is a deployable system that can be set up in fixed locations and is able to disable drones/UAS that could pose a threat to personnel, aircraft/vehicles and infrastructure.
- **Enhancing cyber security capabilities:** Investment to further develop defensive cyber capabilities to ensure the NZDF can continue to defend against cyber threats posed by adversaries, while they are on deployment.
- **Vehicles for NZDF – Garrison and Training Support (GATS):** The NZDF operates a fleet of vehicles which move people, equipment and supplies between and within bases, support emergency services and disaster response, and support airfield operations.
- **Design for Naval base enhancements at Devonport:** This is the first of multiple tranches of investment and will allow for detailed design work to begin on specific and immediate infrastructure issues, as well as the demolition of some facilities that are no longer fit for use, making way for future construction.
- **Defence housing programme – homes for families:** To provide new housing and renovate housing at various defence locations.

- **Information Management:** Investment to continue to improve the NZDF's ability to store and retrieve information, and to share information with our ally Australia, partners and other government organisations.
- **Consolidated Logistics Project Infrastructure – Burnham Regional Supply Facility:** The Burnham Regional Supply Facility will replace a range of existing logistics buildings with modern, fit for purpose facilities. The facility will enable the distribution, storage and organisation of equipment required to support the training and deployment of NZDF's personnel.

Funding has been allocated subject to Cabinet approval of final business cases. Specific project funding totals are commercially sensitive while business cases are under development and are not included above.