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# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### 2021 Budget Package: Vote Defence Force

On 12 April 2021, Cabinet:

- 1 **agreed** that the initiatives in the following table and as detailed in the attached initiative documents be contingency items and that the corresponding funding for each operating initiative contingency be a charge against the Operating Allowance:

#### Summary of contingency initiatives included in the attached initiative documents:

##### Operating Contingency

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25 & Outyears
13170	Contingent Funding to Support the Regeneration of the Defence Estate to Sustain Delivery of Defence Policy	-	-	0.841	1.983	2.309
[33]		[33]				
<b>Total Operating</b>						

- 2 **approved** the additional recommendations relating to the contingency initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 3 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Appropriation Minister to approve jointly any technical adjustments to baselines necessary to remove any errors or inconsistencies identified while finalising the 2020/21 Supplementary Estimates, the 2021/22 Estimates and the fiscal forecasts;
- 4 **noted** that all communications relating to the 2021 Budget are co-ordinated by a Budget communications committee, and that any requests for early announcement will need to have both the written approval of the Minister of Finance and sign-off from the Prime Minister's office.

Michael Webster  
Secretary of the Cabinet

**Vote:** Defence Force

**Appropriation Administrator:** New Zealand Defence Force

**Title:** Contingent Funding to Support the Regeneration of the Defence Estate to Sustain Delivery of Defence Policy

**Description:** This initiative will provide funding to sustain the Defence Estate, which supports the New Zealand Defence Force in ensuring appropriate levels of readiness for military operations and other tasks as directed by the Government. The Defence Estate includes land, buildings and related infrastructure.

### Tagged contingency

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25 & Outyears
Operating Contingency	-	-	0.841	1.983	2.309
<b>Total</b>	-	-	<b>0.841</b>	<b>1.983</b>	<b>2.309</b>

### Additional recommendations

- 5 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Defence jointly to draw down the tagged operating contingency funding above, unless Cabinet approval is required under existing delegations, subject to completed business cases;
- 6 **agreed** that the expiry date for the above tagged contingency be 30 June 2022;

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**Appropriation Administrator:** New Zealand Defence Force

**Title:** [33]

**Description:** [33]

**Tagged contingency**

	<b>\$m - increase/(decrease)</b>				
	<b>2020/21</b>	<b>2021/22</b>	<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2024/25 &amp; Outyears</b>
[33]	[33]				
<b>Total</b>					

**Additional recommendations**

7 [33]

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