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2022 Budget Package: Vote Defence Force (Technical Initiatives)

Appropriation Administrator: New Zealand Defence Force

It is recommended that the relevant Appropriation Minister and the Minister of Finance jointly:

- 1 **note** that Cabinet has approved the Budget initiative for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2022 Budget package, as detailed in the summary table below:

Summary of technical initiative agreed by Cabinet:

Operating Initiative (Impact on Operating Balance)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26 & Outyears
14325	Alignment of Funding to the Delivery of Outputs	-	-	-	-	-
Total Operating		-	-	-	-	-

- 2 **note** that Cabinet has:

- i. **authorised** the relevant Appropriation Minister and the Minister of Finance (Joint Ministers) jointly to agree to the changes to appropriations and related recommendations necessary to give effect to the initiative included in the 2022 Budget package for the above Vote, as detailed in the summary table above;
- ii. **authorised** Joint Ministers jointly to agree that the proposed changes to appropriations and/or capital injections for 2021/22 approved by Joint Ministers as authorised above be included in the 2021/22 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increases be met from Imprest Supply;
- iii. **agreed** that expenses or capital expenditure against appropriations and capital injection authorisations set out in the 2022/23 Estimates and being sought in the Appropriation (2022/23 Estimates) Bill may be met from Imprest Supply until that Bill is enacted and comes into force;
- iv. **authorised** Joint Ministers to approve jointly any technical adjustments to baselines necessary to remove any errors or inconsistencies identified while finalising the 2021/22 Supplementary Estimates, the 2022/23 Estimates and the fiscal forecasts;
- v. **authorised** the chief executives of departments that monitor Crown entities directly affected by Budget decisions taken by Cabinet or taken by Joint Ministers as authorised by Cabinet to inform the chair and/or chief executive of a Crown entity, on a Budget-in-confidence-until-Budget-day basis, of decisions that directly affect that Crown entity for the purpose of planning and preparation of their Statement of Intent and/or Statement of Performance Expectations;
- vi. **noted** that all communications relating to the 2022 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; and

- 3 **approve** changes to appropriations and/or the capital injections to the administering department (where applicable) to implement the initiative(s) included in the summary table(s) above, as set out in the attached initiative document(s).

Vote: Defence Force

Appropriation Administrator: New Zealand Defence Force

Title: Alignment of Funding to the Delivery of Outputs

Description: This initiative seeks fiscally neutral adjustments between departmental appropriations and categories to ensure the New Zealand Defence Force can continue to deliver outputs and to reflect operational activity information across the forecast period.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	-	-	-	-
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

* Unless non-cash, will also impact net core Crown debt.

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses:					
Air Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Other Tasks (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(107.500)	(134.500)	(111.500)	(103.000)
Army Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Other Tasks (funded by revenue Crown)	-	19.500	23.000	7.000	5.000
Navy Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Other Tasks (funded by revenue Crown)	-	97.500	112.500	91.000	82.000
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Advice to the Government (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Situational Awareness (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(2.500)	(2.500)	(2.500)	(2.500)
Policy Advice And Other Services For Veterans (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Administration Services	-	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500

(funded by revenue Crown)					
Protection of New Zealand and New Zealanders (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Defence International Engagement (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(7.000)	-	2.000	2.000
Resource and Border Protection Operations (funded by revenue Crown)	-	(1.500)	-	12.500	15.000
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Protection of New Zealand and New Zealanders (MCA)	-	(8.500)	-	14.500	17.000
Total Operating	-	-	-	-	-