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Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Budget 2026 Package: Vote Defence Force

On 7 May 2026, Cabinet:

Appropriation Administrator: New Zealand Defence Force

- 1 **approved** the Budget initiatives for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2026 Budget package, as listed in the summary tables below and detailed in the attached initiative documents:

Summary of initiatives:

Operating Initiatives (Impact on Operating Balance)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
17233	Defence Capability Plan - Cost Increases	-	43.500	43.500	43.500	43.500
17226	Defence Capability Plan - Defence Technology Accelerator	-	3.655	3.997	4.248	4.248
17217	Defence Capability Plan - Digital Modernisation Preparation	-	10.000	-	-	-
17216	Defence Capability Plan - Homes for Families Tranche 1 Part 4	-	0.407	-	-	-
17227	Defence Capability Plan - Intelligence Uplift	-	0.638	0.745	0.745	0.745
17225	Defence Capability Plan - Maritime Fleet Renewal Transformation and Programme Costs	-	4.136	9.140	14.818	11.906 [^]
17224	Defence Capability Plan - Maritime Platform Restoration Activities - ANZAC Frigates and HMNZS Canterbury	-	0.960	6.636	30.557	33.326
17219	Defence Capability Plan - Modernised Army Training Capability Programme Design Stage	-	0.095	0.477	0.859	1.145
17229	Defence Capability Plan - Small Scale Capability Projects	-	7.872	7.127	9.056	9.056
17232	Defence Capability Plan - Workforce Recovery	-	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
17228	Defence Capability Plan: Additional Science Personnel to Strengthen National Security and Innovation	-	1.336	1.293	1.293	1.293
17231	Defence Force Remuneration	-	30.000	30.000	30.000	30.000
17230	Depreciation Expense Arising From Asset Revaluations	-	34.900	34.900	34.900	34.900
17234	Veterans' Affairs Increased Funding	-	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500
17235	Veterans' Entitlements Arising From Retrospective Declarations of Qualifying Operational Service	-	61.406	-	-	-
Total Operating		-	205.405	144.315	176.476	176.619

^ has irregular outyears.

Capital Initiatives (Impact on Debt)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
17226	Defence Capability Plan - Defence Technology Accelerator	-	1.530	-	-	-
17216	Defence Capability Plan - Homes for Families Tranche 1 Part 4	-	3.450	-	-	-
17224	Defence Capability Plan - Maritime Platform Restoration Activities - ANZAC Frigates and HMNZS Canterbury	-	76.777	44.838	20.992	-
17595	Defence Capability Plan - Mission Command Training Facility	-	1.300	-	-	-
17219	Defence Capability Plan - Modernised Army Training Capability Programme Design stage	-	7.633	7.633	7.634	-
Total Capital		-	90.690	52.471	28.626	-

Summary of contingency initiatives:

Operating Contingency

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
17223	Defence Capability Plan - Frigate Life Extension - Tagged Contingency	[33], [38]				
17594	Defence Capability Plan - Homes for Families Tranche 1 Part 4 - Tagged Contingency					
17221	Defence Capability Plan - Maritime Fleet Renewal Uncrewed Persistent Surveillance Phase 1a - Tagged Contingency					

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
17222	Defence Capability Plan - Maritime Fleet Renewal Polar Patrol Phase 1 - Tagged Contingency	[33], [38]				
17220	Defence Capability Plan - Mission Command Training Facility - Tagged Contingency					
17218	Defence Capability Plan - Updating Classified Digital Services Phase Two - Tagged Contingency					
Total Operating						

^ has irregular outyears.

Capital Contingency

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
17223	Defence Capability Plan - Frigate Life Extension - Tagged Contingency	[33], [38]				
17594	Defence Capability Plan - Homes for Families Tranche 1 Part 4 - Tagged Contingency					
17221	Defence Capability Plan - Maritime Fleet Renewal Uncrewed Persistent Surveillance Phase 1a - Tagged Contingency					
17222	Defence Capability Plan - Maritime Fleet Renewal Polar Patrol Phase 1 - Tagged Contingency					
17220	Defence Capability Plan - Mission Command Training Facility - Tagged Contingency					
17218	Defence Capability Plan - Updating Classified Digital Services Phase Two - Tagged Contingency					
Total Capital						

^ has irregular outyears.

* funding for 2029/30 only - no outyears funding.

Diana Hawker
Acting Secretary of the Cabinet

Vote: Defence Force

Appropriation Administrator: New Zealand Defence Force

Title: Defence Capability Plan - Cost Increases

Description: This initiative provides funding to meet cost increases across New Zealand Defence Force outputs to enable continued presence of aircraft, ships, and personnel on the ground in New Zealand, the Pacific, and support to overseas partners. These capabilities ensure a credible defence posture and support New Zealand's security commitments.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	43.500	43.500	43.500	43.500
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	43.500	43.500	43.500	43.500

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Advice to the Government (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Situational Awareness (funded by revenue Crown)	-	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Advice to the Government (MCA)	-	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000
Defence Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Other Tasks (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Air Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Others Tasks (funded by revenue Crown)	-	9.600	9.600	9.600	9.600
Army Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Others Tasks (funded by revenue Crown)	-	14.000	14.000	14.000	14.000
Navy Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Others Tasks (funded by revenue Crown)	-	11.500	11.500	11.500	11.500
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Defence Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Other Tasks (MCA)	-	35.100	35.100	35.100	35.100

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Protection of New Zealand and New Zealanders (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Assistance to the Civil Power and Provision of a Public Service in Emergency Situations (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.800	0.800	0.800	0.800
Defence International Engagement (funded by revenue Crown)	-	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Defence Support to the Community (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900
Military Assistance to Civil Authorities in Non-Emergency Situations (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900
Resource and Border Protection Operations (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.800	0.800	0.800	0.800
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Protection of New Zealand and New Zealanders (MCA)	-	4.400	4.400	4.400	4.400
Total Operating	-	43.500	43.500	43.500	43.500

Vote: Defence Force

Appropriation Administrator: New Zealand Defence Force

Title: Defence Capability Plan - Defence Technology Accelerator

Description: This initiative provides funding to set up a New Zealand Defence Technology Accelerator business unit, focused on connecting industry with the New Zealand Defence Force to solve specific military challenges. The Accelerator will support rapid development of advanced technologies to explore emerging capabilities, build resilience through growing a domestic defence market and support export opportunities for defence and defence-adjacent technologies.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	3.655	3.997	4.248	4.248
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	1.530	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	5.185	3.997	4.248	4.248

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Capital Injections:					
New Zealand Defence Force - Capital Injection	-	1.530	-	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Defence Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Other Tasks (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Air Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Others Tasks (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.914	0.999	1.062	1.062
Army Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Others Tasks (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.914	0.999	1.062	1.062
Navy Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Others Tasks (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.914	0.999	1.062	1.062
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Defence Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Other Tasks (MCA)	-	2.742	2.997	3.186	3.186

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Protection of New Zealand and New Zealanders (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Defence Support to the Community (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.913	1.000	1.062	1.062
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Protection of New Zealand and New Zealanders (MCA)	-	0.913	1.000	1.062	1.062
Total Operating	-	3.655	3.997	4.248	4.248
Total Capital	-	1.530	-	-	-

Additional Recommendations

- 2 **noted** that in November 2025, the Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee agreed in principle to set up a Technology Accelerator from 1 July 2026, subject to Budget 2026 decisions and invited the Minister of Defence to report back to Cabinet ^[33]

[EXP-25-MIN-0116];

- 3 **invited** the Minister of Defence, as part of the above report back, to also ^[33]

Vote: Defence Force

Appropriation Administrator: New Zealand Defence Force

Title: Defence Capability Plan - Digital Modernisation Preparation

Description: This initiative provides funding for additional personnel to enable the New Zealand Defence Force to carry out preparation activities for the Digital Modernisation Programme, which will establish a robust, secure, and resilient Defence-wide digital ecosystem. Activities will include establishing governance, architecture, policies and standards, and business case preparation.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	10.000	-	-	-
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	10.000	-	-	-

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Defence Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Other Tasks (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Air Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Others Tasks (funded by revenue Crown)	-	3.300	-	-	-
Army Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Others Tasks (funded by revenue Crown)	-	3.400	-	-	-
Navy Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Others Tasks (funded by revenue Crown)	-	3.300	-	-	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Defence Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Other Tasks (MCA)	-	10.000	-	-	-
Total Operating	-	10.000	-	-	-

Vote: Defence Force

Appropriation Administrator: New Zealand Defence Force

Title: Defence Capability Plan - Frigate Life Extension - Tagged Contingency

Description: This initiative establishes tagged contingencies to fund Phase 2A of the Frigate Life Extension Programme. This investment will deliver works that extend the life of the two ANZAC-class frigates ^[1] to maintain interoperability with New Zealand's partners.

Note that this initiative is commercially sensitive.

Tagged Contingency

	\$m - increase/(decrease)
[33], [38]	2025/26
[33], [38]	\$m - increase/(decrease)

Additional Recommendations

- 4 **agreed** to establish an operating and capital tagged contingency '*Defence Capability Plan - Frigate Life Extension*';
- 5 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Defence to approve an Approval to Deliver for this investment;
- 6 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Defence jointly to draw down the above contingencies, subject to their satisfaction of the Approval to Deliver;
- 7 **agreed** that the expiry date for the above contingencies be 31 December 2026;

Vote: Defence Force

Appropriation Administrator: New Zealand Defence Force

Title: Defence Capability Plan - Homes for Families Tranche 1 Part 4

Description: This initiative provides funding for the early delivery phase of the programme, enabling planning, site investigation, detailed design, and market engagement to progress for approximately ^[33] modern residential dwellings for military personnel and their families at Trentham, Ohakea, Linton, Woodbourne, Waiouru, and Burnham.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	0.407	-	-	-
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	3.450	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	3.857	-	-	-

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Capital Injections:					
New Zealand Defence Force - Capital Injection	-	3.450	-	-	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Defence Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Other Tasks (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Air Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Others Tasks (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.081	-	-	-
Army Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Others Tasks (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.326	-	-	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Defence Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Other Tasks (MCA)	-	0.407	-	-	-
Total Operating	-	0.407	-	-	-
Total Capital	-	3.450	-	-	-

Additional Recommendation

8 **noted** that this initiative relates to Initiative 17594 in Vote Defence Force;

Vote: Defence Force

Appropriation Administrator: New Zealand Defence Force

Title: Defence Capability Plan - Homes for Families Tranche 1 Part 4 - Tagged Contingency

Description: This initiative establishes tagged contingencies for the construction and/or renewal of approximately^[33] modern residential dwellings for military personnel and their families at Trentham, Ohakea, Linton, Woodbourne, Waiouru and Burnham.

Note that this initiative is commercially sensitive.

Tagged Contingency

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
[33],[38]					

Additional Recommendations

- 9 **agreed** to establish an operating and capital tagged contingency ‘*Defence Capability Plan - Homes for Families Tranche 1 Part 4*’;
- 10 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Defence to approve an Approval to Deliver for this investment;
- 11 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Defence jointly to draw down the above contingencies, subject to their satisfaction of the Approval to Deliver;
- 12 **agreed** that the expiry date for the above contingencies be 31 March 2027;
- 13 **noted** that this initiative relates to Initiative 17216 in Vote Defence Force;

Vote: Defence Force

Appropriation Administrator: New Zealand Defence Force

Title: Defence Capability Plan - Intelligence Uplift

Description: This initiative provides funding for additional personnel to increase the New Zealand Defence Force's intelligence analysis capability and to meet legal and technical data quality standards. This enhanced capability will support decision-making and deployments in a complex security environment.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	0.638	0.745	0.745	0.745
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	0.638	0.745	0.745	0.745

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Advice to the Government (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Policy Advice	-	0.089	0.106	0.106	0.106
(funded by revenue Crown)					
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Advice to the Government (MCA)	-	0.089	0.106	0.106	0.106
Defence Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Other Tasks (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Air Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Others Tasks	-	0.397	0.463	0.463	0.463
(funded by revenue Crown)					
Army Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Others Tasks	-	0.058	0.066	0.066	0.066
(funded by revenue Crown)					
Navy Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Others Tasks	-	0.018	0.021	0.021	0.021
(funded by revenue Crown)					
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Defence Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Other Tasks (MCA)	-	0.473	0.550	0.550	0.550

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Protection of New Zealand and New Zealanders (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Assistance to the Civil Power and Provision of a Public Service in Emergency Situations (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.017	0.020	0.020	0.020
Defence International Engagement (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.035	0.041	0.041	0.041
Resource and Border Protection Operations (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.024	0.028	0.028	0.028
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Protection of New Zealand and New Zealanders (MCA)	-	0.076	0.089	0.089	0.089
Total Operating	-	0.638	0.745	0.745	0.745

Vote: Defence Force

Appropriation Administrator: New Zealand Defence Force

Title: Defence Capability Plan - Maritime Fleet Renewal Uncrewed Persistent Surveillance Phase 1a - Tagged Contingency

Description: This initiative establishes tagged contingencies to ^[33]

The investment delivers greater maritime awareness and border security and supports the 2024 Maritime Security Strategy.

Note that this initiative is commercially sensitive.

Tagged Contingency

	\$m - increase/(decrease)
[33], [38]	

Additional Recommendations

- 14 **agreed** to establish an operating and capital tagged contingency '*Defence Capability Plan - Maritime Fleet Renewal Uncrewed Persistent Surveillance Phase 1a*';
- 15 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Defence to approve an Approval to Deliver for this investment;
- 16 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Defence jointly to draw down the above contingencies, subject to their satisfaction of the Approval to Deliver;
- 17 **agreed** that the expiry date for the above contingencies be 30 June 2027;

Vote: Defence Force

Appropriation Administrator: New Zealand Defence Force

Title: Defence Capability Plan - Maritime Fleet Renewal Polar Patrol Phase 1 - Tagged Contingency

Description: This initiative establishes tagged contingencies to acquire an uncrewed aerial system to conduct enhanced intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance missions from HMNZS Aotearoa in the Southern Ocean including ^[1]

Note that this initiative is commercially sensitive.

Tagged Contingency

	\$m - increase/(decrease)
[33], [38]	

Additional Recommendations

- 18 **agreed** to establish an operating and capital tagged contingency ‘*Defence Capability Plan - Maritime Fleet Renewal Polar Patrol Phase 1*’;
- 19 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Defence to approve an Approval to Deliver for this investment;
- 20 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Defence jointly to draw down the above contingencies, subject to their satisfaction of the Approval to Deliver;
- 21 **agreed** that the expiry date for the above contingencies be 30 June 2027;

Vote: Defence Force

Appropriation Administrator: New Zealand Defence Force

Title: Defence Capability Plan - Maritime Fleet Renewal Transformation and Programme Costs

Description: This initiative provides funding for additional staff and specialist services to transform the Royal New Zealand Navy across its workforce, training, operations, and sustainment, and to prepare investment cases for major naval platforms. Transformation of the Navy will prepare the New Zealand Defence Force for the introduction of the future fleet, support introducing more uncrewed systems and simulation technologies, and maximise the value of future investments.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
Operating Balance Impact*	-	4.136	9.140	14.818	11.906
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	4.136	9.140	14.818	11.906

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34	2034/35 & outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	8.837	6.323	5.827	5.323	2.073
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	8.837	6.323	5.827	5.323	2.073

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Defence Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Other Tasks (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Navy Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Others Tasks (funded by revenue Crown)	-	4.136	9.140	14.818	11.906
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Defence Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Other Tasks (MCA)	-	4.136	9.140	14.818	11.906
Total Operating	-	4.136	9.140	14.818	11.906

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34	2034/35 & outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Defence Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Other Tasks (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Navy Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Others Tasks (funded by revenue Crown)	8.837	6.323	5.827	5.323	2.073
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Defence Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Other Tasks (MCA)	8.837	6.323	5.827	5.323	2.073
Total Operating	8.837	6.323	5.827	5.323	2.073

Additional Recommendation

22 **noted** that this initiative relates to Initiative 17592 in Vote Defence;

Vote: Defence Force

Appropriation Administrator: New Zealand Defence Force

Title: Defence Capability Plan - Maritime Platform Restoration Activities - ANZAC Frigates and HMNZS Canterbury

Description: This initiative provides funding to undertake ^[1] maintenance and overhaul activities, and replace key systems, on the ANZAC Frigates and HMNZS Canterbury to enable their required operational availability to the end of planned life prior to replacement.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	0.960	6.636	30.557	33.326
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	76.777	44.838	20.992	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	77.737	51.474	51.549	33.326

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Capital Injections:					
New Zealand Defence Force - Capital Injection	-	76.777	44.838	20.992	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Defence Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Other Tasks (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Navy Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Others Tasks (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.960	6.636	30.557	33.326
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Defence Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Other Tasks (MCA)	-	0.960	6.636	30.557	33.326
Total Operating	-	0.960	6.636	30.557	33.326
Total Capital	-	76.777	44.838	20.992	-

Vote: Defence Force

Appropriation Administrator: New Zealand Defence Force

Title: Defence Capability Plan - Mission Command Training Facility - Tagged Contingency

Description: This initiative establishes tagged contingencies to deliver a secure facility at Linton Military Camp to allow simulation of military operations and enable networked training with other partners for joint military exercises. The facility will have the capacity to act as a crisis headquarters to support other agencies and aid in national resilience.

Note that this initiative is commercially sensitive.

Tagged Contingency

	\$m - increase/(decrease)
[33], [38]	

Additional Recommendations

- 23 **agreed** to establish an operating and capital tagged contingency '*Defence Capability Plan - Mission Command Training Facility*';
- 24 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Defence to approve an Approval to Deliver for this investment;
- 25 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Defence jointly to draw down the above contingencies, subject to their satisfaction of the Approval to Deliver;
- 26 **agreed** that the expiry date for the above contingencies be 31 March 2027;
- 27 **noted** that this initiative relates to Initiative 17595 in Vote Defence Force;

Vote: Defence Force

Appropriation Administrator: New Zealand Defence Force

Title: Defence Capability Plan - Mission Command Training Facility

Description: This initiative provides funding for professional services to commence the infrastructure component of a secure facility at Linton Military Camp, early site works, and associated project start-up costs.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	-	-	-	-
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	1.300	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	1.300	-	-	-

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Capital Injections:					
New Zealand Defence Force - Capital Injection	-	1.300	-	-	-
Total Operating	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capital	-	1.300	-	-	-

Additional Recommendation

28 **noted** that this initiative relates to Initiative 17220 in Vote Defence Force;

Vote: Defence Force

Appropriation Administrator: New Zealand Defence Force

Title: Defence Capability Plan - Modernised Army Training Capability Programme Design Stage

Description: This initiative provides funding to review and redesign the delivery of Army recruit training, and develop documentation and business cases for future infrastructure investment as part of the Modernised Army Training Capability Programme. This investment is essential for Army regeneration, readiness, and to ensure combat capability.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	0.095	0.477	0.859	1.145
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	7.633	7.633	7.634	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	7.728	8.110	8.493	1.145

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Capital Injections:					
New Zealand Defence Force - Capital Injection	-	7.633	7.633	7.634	-
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Defence Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Other Tasks (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Army Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Others Tasks (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.095	0.477	0.859	1.145
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Defence Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Other Tasks (MCA)	-	0.095	0.477	0.859	1.145
Total Operating	-	0.095	0.477	0.859	1.145
Total Capital	-	7.633	7.633	7.634	-

Vote: Defence Force

Appropriation Administrator: New Zealand Defence Force

Title: Defence Capability Plan - Small Scale Capability Projects

Description: This initiative provides operating funding to deliver eleven small scale capability projects. These include: equipment to improve Special Forces, Army and Navy combat capability, and simulation and learning systems to enhance the combat readiness of Defence Force personnel.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	7.872	7.127	9.056	9.056
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	7.872	7.127	9.056	9.056

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Advice to the Government (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Situational Awareness (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.055
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Advice to the Government (MCA)	-	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.055
Defence Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Other Tasks (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Air Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Others Tasks (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.298	0.833	0.833	0.833
Army Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Others Tasks (funded by revenue Crown)	-	1.067	4.552	6.481	6.481
Navy Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Others Tasks (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.197	0.374	0.374	0.374
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Defence Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Other Tasks (MCA)	-	1.562	5.759	7.688	7.688

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operations Contributing to New Zealand's Security, Stability and Interests (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Military Operations in Support of a Rules-Based International Order (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.028	0.055	0.055	0.055
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Operations Contributing to New Zealand's Security, Stability and Interests (MCA)	-	0.028	0.055	0.055	0.055
Policy Advice And Other Services For Veterans (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Administration Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	5.700	0.360	0.360	0.360
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Policy Advice And Other Services For Veterans (MCA)	-	5.700	0.360	0.360	0.360
Protection of New Zealand and New Zealanders (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Assistance to the Civil Power and Provision of a Public Service in Emergency Situations (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.106	0.178	0.178	0.178
Defence International Engagement (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.099	0.173	0.173	0.173
Defence Support to the Community (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.061	0.106	0.106	0.106
Military Assistance to Civil Authorities in Non-Emergency Situations (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.066	0.102	0.102	0.102
Resource and Border Protection Operations (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.195	0.339	0.339	0.339
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Protection of New Zealand and New Zealanders (MCA)	-	0.527	0.898	0.898	0.898
Total Operating	-	7.872	7.127	9.056	9.056

Vote: Defence Force

Appropriation Administrator: New Zealand Defence Force

Title: Defence Capability Plan - Updating Classified Digital Services Phase Two - Tagged Contingency

Description: This initiative establishes tagged contingencies to fund personnel, services, software and hardware required for the second phase of work to update the New Zealand Defence Force's classified environment ^[1]

Note that this initiative is restricted.

Tagged Contingency

	\$m - increase/(decrease)
[33].[38]	

Additional Recommendations

- 29 **agreed** to establish an operating and capital tagged contingency '*Defence Capability Plan - Updating Classified Digital Services Phase Two*';
- 30 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Defence to approve an Approval to Deliver for this investment;
- 31 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Defence jointly to draw down the above contingencies, subject to their satisfaction of the Approval to Deliver;
- 32 **agreed** that the expiry date for the above contingencies be 31 March 2027.

Vote: Defence Force

Appropriation Administrator: New Zealand Defence Force

Title: Defence Capability Plan - Workforce Recovery

Description: This initiative provides funding to ^[1] the numbers of New Zealand Defence Force military personnel ^[1] to deliver Defence capabilities, ^[1]

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Defence Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Other Tasks (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Air Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Others Tasks (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.750	0.750	0.750	0.750
Army Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Others Tasks (funded by revenue Crown)	-	2.750	2.750	2.750	2.750
Navy Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Others Tasks (funded by revenue Crown)	-	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Defence Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Other Tasks (MCA)	-	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
Total Operating	-	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000

Vote: Defence Force

Appropriation Administrator: New Zealand Defence Force

Title: Defence Capability Plan - Additional Science Personnel to Strengthen National Security and Innovation

Description: This initiative provides funding for additional personnel in specialist science roles in space, autonomy, cyber, and electronic warfare personnel to strengthen the Defence Science and Technology capability to support high-value investments under the Defence Capability Plan 2025. This will ensure timely, evidence-based advice, reduce technical risk, and accelerate integration of advanced technologies across Defence programmes.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	1.336	1.293	1.293	1.293
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	1.336	1.293	1.293	1.293

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Advice to the Government (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Policy Advice (funded by revenue Crown)	-	-	0.001	0.001	0.001
Situational Awareness (funded by revenue Crown)	-	-	0.002	0.002	0.002
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Advice to the Government (MCA)	-	-	0.003	0.003	0.003
Defence Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Other Tasks (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Air Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Others Tasks (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.260	0.340	0.340	0.340
Army Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Others Tasks (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.546	0.560	0.560	0.560
Navy Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Others Tasks (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.260	0.190	0.190	0.190

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Defence Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Other Tasks (MCA)	-	1.066	1.090	1.090	1.090
Protection of New Zealand and New Zealanders (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Assistance to the Civil Power and Provision of a Public Service in Emergency Situations (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.060	0.040	0.040	0.040
Defence International Engagement (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.040	0.030	0.030	0.030
Defence Support to the Community (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.040	0.030	0.030	0.030
Military Assistance to Civil Authorities in Non-Emergency Situations (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.020	0.020	0.020	0.020
Resource and Border Protection Operations (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.110	0.080	0.080	0.080
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Protection of New Zealand and New Zealanders (MCA)	-	0.270	0.200	0.200	0.200
Total Operating	-	1.336	1.293	1.293	1.293

Vote: Defence Force

Appropriation Administrator: New Zealand Defence Force

Title: Defence Force Remuneration

Description: This initiative provides funding to enable the New Zealand Defence Force to provide remuneration uplifts for its workforce, and to meet additional non-discretionary remuneration increases. Funding will enable movement of remuneration for NZDF military and civil staff closer to market.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	30.000	30.000	30.000	30.000
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	30.000	30.000	30.000	30.000

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Advice to the Government (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Policy Advice (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.098	0.098	0.098	0.098
Situational Awareness (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.145	0.145	0.145	0.145
Supporting Ministers (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.038	0.038	0.038	0.038
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Advice to the Government (MCA)	-	0.281	0.281	0.281	0.281
Defence Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Other Tasks (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Air Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Others Tasks (funded by revenue Crown)	-	7.509	7.509	7.509	7.509
Army Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Others Tasks (funded by revenue Crown)	-	11.707	11.707	11.707	11.707
Navy Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Others Tasks (funded by revenue Crown)	-	5.366	5.366	5.366	5.366

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Defence Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Other Tasks (MCA)	-	24.582	24.582	24.582	24.582
Operations Contributing to New Zealand's Security, Stability and Interests (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Military Operations in Support of a Rules-Based International Order (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.377	0.377	0.377	0.377
Military Operations that Contribute to Regional Security (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Operations Contributing to New Zealand's Security, Stability and Interests (MCA)	-	0.379	0.379	0.379	0.379
Policy Advice And Other Services For Veterans (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Administration Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.196	0.196	0.196	0.196
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Policy Advice And Other Services For Veterans (MCA)	-	0.196	0.196	0.196	0.196
Protection of New Zealand and New Zealanders (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Assistance to the Civil Power and Provision of a Public Service in Emergency Situations (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.830	0.830	0.830	0.830
Defence International Engagement (funded by revenue Crown)	-	1.312	1.312	1.312	1.312
Defence Support to the Community (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.695	0.695	0.695	0.695
Military Assistance to Civil Authorities in Non-Emergency Situations (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.222	0.222	0.222	0.222
Resource and Border Protection Operations (funded by revenue Crown)	-	1.503	1.503	1.503	1.503
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Protection of New Zealand and New Zealanders (MCA)	-	4.562	4.562	4.562	4.562
Total Operating	-	30.000	30.000	30.000	30.000

Vote: Defence Force

Appropriation Administrator: New Zealand Defence Force

Title: Depreciation Expense Arising From Asset Revaluations

Description: This initiative provides funding to meet the increased annual depreciation expense resulting from the net revaluation of the New Zealand Defence Force's Land, Building, and Infrastructure assets, and Specialist Military Equipment assets as at 30 June 2025.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	34.900	34.900	34.900	34.900
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	34.900	34.900	34.900	34.900

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Advice to the Government (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Situational Awareness (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.017	0.017	0.017	0.017
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Advice to the Government (MCA)	-	0.017	0.017	0.017	0.017
Defence Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Other Tasks (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Air Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Others Tasks (funded by revenue Crown)	-	13.208	13.208	13.208	13.208
Army Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Others Tasks (funded by revenue Crown)	-	7.769	7.769	7.769	7.769
Navy Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Others Tasks (funded by revenue Crown)	-	12.038	12.038	12.038	12.038
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Defence Force Capabilities Prepared for Joint Operations and Other Tasks (MCA)	-	33.015	33.015	33.015	33.015

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Policy Advice And Other Services For Veterans (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Administration Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.017	0.017	0.017	0.017
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Policy Advice And Other Services For Veterans (MCA)	-	0.017	0.017	0.017	0.017
Protection of New Zealand and New Zealanders (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Assistance to the Civil Power and Provision of a Public Service in Emergency Situations (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.458	0.458	0.458	0.458
Defence International Engagement (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.111	0.111	0.111	0.111
Defence Support to the Community (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.136	0.136	0.136	0.136
Military Assistance to Civil Authorities in Non-Emergency Situations (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.160	0.160	0.160	0.160
Resource and Border Protection Operations (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.986	0.986	0.986	0.986
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Protection of New Zealand and New Zealanders (MCA)	-	1.851	1.851	1.851	1.851
Total Operating	-	34.900	34.900	34.900	34.900

Vote: Defence Force

Appropriation Administrator: New Zealand Defence Force

Title: Veterans' Affairs Increased Funding

Description: This initiative provides funding for additional personnel to ensure Veterans' Affairs can meet new legal obligations from a High Court decision and process claims under section 15 of the Veterans' Support Act 2014.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Policy Advice And Other Services For Veterans (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Services and Payments to Veterans (funded by revenue Crown)	-	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Policy Advice And Other Services For Veterans (MCA)	-	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500
Total Operating	-	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500

Vote: Defence Force

Appropriation Administrator: New Zealand Defence Force

Title: Veterans' Entitlements Arising From Retrospective Declarations of Qualifying Operational Service

Description: This initiative provides a one-off non-cash increase to the Crown's Veteran's Entitlements Liability. This increase allows the Crown to meet its Veterans' Support Entitlement Obligation to personnel from past or current qualifying operational service deployments.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact*	-	61.406	-	-	-
Net Core Crown Debt Impact Only	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	61.406	-	-	-

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

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Other Expenses:					
Service Cost - Veterans' Entitlements	-	61.406	-	-	-
Total Operating	-	61.406	-	-	-