

Purpose of call

The United Kingdom have requested this call to thank you for New Zealand's support to Ukraine. This is an opportunity to acknowledge the United Kingdom's leadership in responding to the Ukraine crisis, which has helped New Zealand contribute to the international community's response.



Biography

James Heapey was appointed as Minister for the Armed Forces in 2020, and previously served as the Minister for Defence Procurement. Before entering politics, James served in the Army reaching the rank of Major. He served on operations in Kabul, Northern Ireland, Basra, Kenya and across the United Kingdom. After his time in the military, he served as the Parliamentary Private Secretary to Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

New Zealand's contributions to Ukraine

- 30 personnel have deployed to the United Kingdom to help train Ukrainian military personnel in operating L119 105mm light field guns.
- We have 66 NZDF personnel across Europe, helping in the areas of logistics, intelligence and liaison roles, and we have deployed a C-130 Hercules aircraft to help with the movement of military aid.
- Our people are integrated and working well with partners as part of the international efforts to support Ukraine. Our specialist personnel are in high demand.
- We have also provided \$15.7 million in funding for weapons, non-lethal military equipment and commercial satellite access.
- *[If asked for further detail]* New Zealand has contributed:
 - \$7.5m to the UK to procure weapons and ammunition for Ukraine.
 - \$4.24m to the NATO trust fund [paid on 20 April]
 - Surplus NZDF equipment including: 1066 body armour plates; 473 helmets; and 571 sets of camouflage webbing [delivered to Poland on 4 April 2022].
 - Approximately \$1m in communications equipment [redacted] s9(2)(g)(i)
 - \$4.129m for commercial satellite access [paid on 14 April].

Date	Topic	Announcement	Value of assistance NZ\$ million			Status
			Military	Economic	Diplomatic	
	Total	33.857	23.042	8.000	1.815	
23 May	Military	Artillery Training team, surplus equipment and training ammunition.	1.205			Deployment under way.
3 May	Economic	\$2 million to New Zealand Disaster Response Partnership NGOs.		2.000		Contestable funding round launched on 9 May. Proposals from NZ Disaster Response Partnership NGO partners have been received and are being assessed.
11 Apr	Military	C-130H Hercules and 50-strong NZDF team to Europe to carry equipment and supplies.	3.977			The NZDF C-130H has completed 46 operational flights from s6(a) to logistics nodes in s6(a). The aircraft has flown 132 flying hours and transported 182,000kg of stores and 75 passengers. ¹ There are no indications that demand for the aircraft will diminish in the coming months. s9(2)(g)(i)
11 Apr	Military	Eight NZDF logistics specialists based in Germany.	0.575			The NZDF logistics specialists have embedded in the International Donor Coordination Centre in Germany and are working alongside senior AFU officials and partner nation representatives. Their main task is to prioritise aid deliveries and schedule them for transportation with the nations who are providing airlift capabilities. The mobile logistics team have supported each mission conducted by the NZDF C-130H in order to certify the load and ensure all cargo requirements have been met, particularly in respect to the carriage of munitions.
11 Apr	Military	\$7.5 million to contribute to weapons and ammunition procurement via the United Kingdom.	7.500			Paid to UK MoD, and purchase of materiel s6(a) confirmed with the UK.
11 Apr	Military	\$4.1 million to support commercial satellite access for the Ukrainian s6(a)	4.129			Paid.

¹ As at 24 May 2022.

11 Apr	Diplomatic	\$1 million to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.			1.000	Working with OHCHR to agree grant contribution letter and transfer funds before end-June; OHCHR comfortable with funding timeframe.
11 Apr	Diplomatic	\$500,000 for the International Court of Justice and International Criminal Court.			0.500	s9(2)(g)(i)
28 Mar	Military	Nine New Zealand Defence Force personnel to the United Kingdom and Belgium, to support intelligence and engagement work.	0.656			Intelligence —The NZDF analysts have integrated seamlessly with s6(a) and provided a meaningful contribution to the analytical output and resilience of s6(a) Liaison —NATO and the UK are critical players in supporting Ukraine's self-defence. The NZDF liaison officers have enhanced the flow of information, ensuring New Zealand's contributions were clearly understood by partners. They have also informed New Zealand-based officials on what Ukraine's ongoing needs are and the niche areas where we may add value.
26 Mar	Diplomatic	\$315,000 to help the International Criminal Court's urgent resource needs.			0.315	s9(2)(g)(i)
21 Mar	Military	\$5 million for non-lethal military assistance, of which \$4.24 million to NATO Trust Fund and \$0.76 million purchase of Tait communications equipment.	5.000			NATO Trust Fund contribution paid. s6(a) have been delivered.
15 Mar	Economic	\$2 million to the UN Ukraine Humanitarian Fund.		2.000		Paid.
15 Mar	Economic	\$2 million to UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR).		2.000		Paid.
28 Feb	Economic	\$2 million to International Committee of the Red Cross.		2.000		Paid.

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