

UKRAINE DEFENSE CONTACT GROUP BRIEF

2000 – 0100hr Thursday 8 September 2022, Defence House

Context

New Zealand has been invited by the United States (host) to attend the fifth meeting of the Ukraine Contact Group. Secretary Austin and General Milley are organising this event with the goal to facilitate discussion on Ukraine's urgent needs in the south and east, as well as cooperation in developing Ukrainian defensive capabilities over the medium and long term.

This is an opportunity to announce the recent decision by Cabinet to deploy up to 120 personnel to support Operation Interflex, as well as highlight New Zealand's ongoing contributions in support of Ukraine. Your intervention is attached at **Annex A**, and a list of countries making interventions is attached at **Annex B**.

The New Zealand Deputy Head of Mission to Germany and the NATO Military Representative are attending this meeting in-person. A formal message on the previous meeting is attached to this brief at **Annex C**. A summary of New Zealand's contributions to support Ukraine is attached at **Annex D**.

Speaking order

You are speaking during the third session of the meeting, s6(5)(i). Organisers of the event have asked that interventions are kept to two minutes in the interests of time.

Agenda

2000-2015: Introduction and Opening Remarks

2015-2100: s6(b)(i)

2100-2200:

2200-2315:

2330-0045:

0045-0100: Closing Remarks

Attendees

Assistant Chief Strategic Commitments and Engagements, Air Commodore Darryn Webb

Director Global and Deployments, International Branch, s9(2)(g)(i)

Military Secretary, Captain Shane Arndell

Intermediate Analyst, s9(2)(g)(i)

NATO Military Representative, Brigadier Jim Bliss (in-person)

Deputy Head of Mission, Germany, s9(2)(g)(i) (in-person)

Update on ongoing policy work

Officials are currently working on two proposed Cabinet papers in relation to Ukraine:

- "Stocktake" paper, s9(2)(g)(i)
- "Options" paper, addressing military options beyond 30 November mandate expiry dates.

Comprehensive advice on the future of New Zealand's support to Ukraine will be presented to your office in the coming weeks.

ANNEX A: INTERVENTION

[Introduction: Thank Secretary Austin and Chairman Milley for hosting this event.]

Six months on from Russia's invasion, New Zealand continues to stand with Ukraine in **complete solidarity** for its sovereignty and territorial integrity. We have condemned and continue to condemn unequivocally Russia's unprovoked and illegal invasion of Ukraine.

While New Zealand may be a long way from Europe, such a blatant challenge to the international rules-based system **is a threat to all of us**. The implications of Russia's invasion for peace, security, and economic stability are global in nature.

New Zealand is **playing our part to support Ukraine**, and we will continue to do so. We have provided a range of economic, diplomatic and military assistance to support Ukraine's response. In particular, the Government has deployed the New Zealand Defence Force's most valuable asset – its people.

Prime Minister Ardern recently announced the deployment of two New Zealand Defence Force training teams to the United Kingdom to support Operation Interflex, alongside many partner countries here today. Our 120 personnel arrived in the United Kingdom earlier this week to commence training Ukrainian Armed Forces personnel. I would like to acknowledge the **leadership** of the UK government in developing this training programme, as well as other partners, many of whom are here tonight, who are also contributing to this important initiative.

Our support to Operation Interflex is in addition to a **variety of other military assistance** that includes:

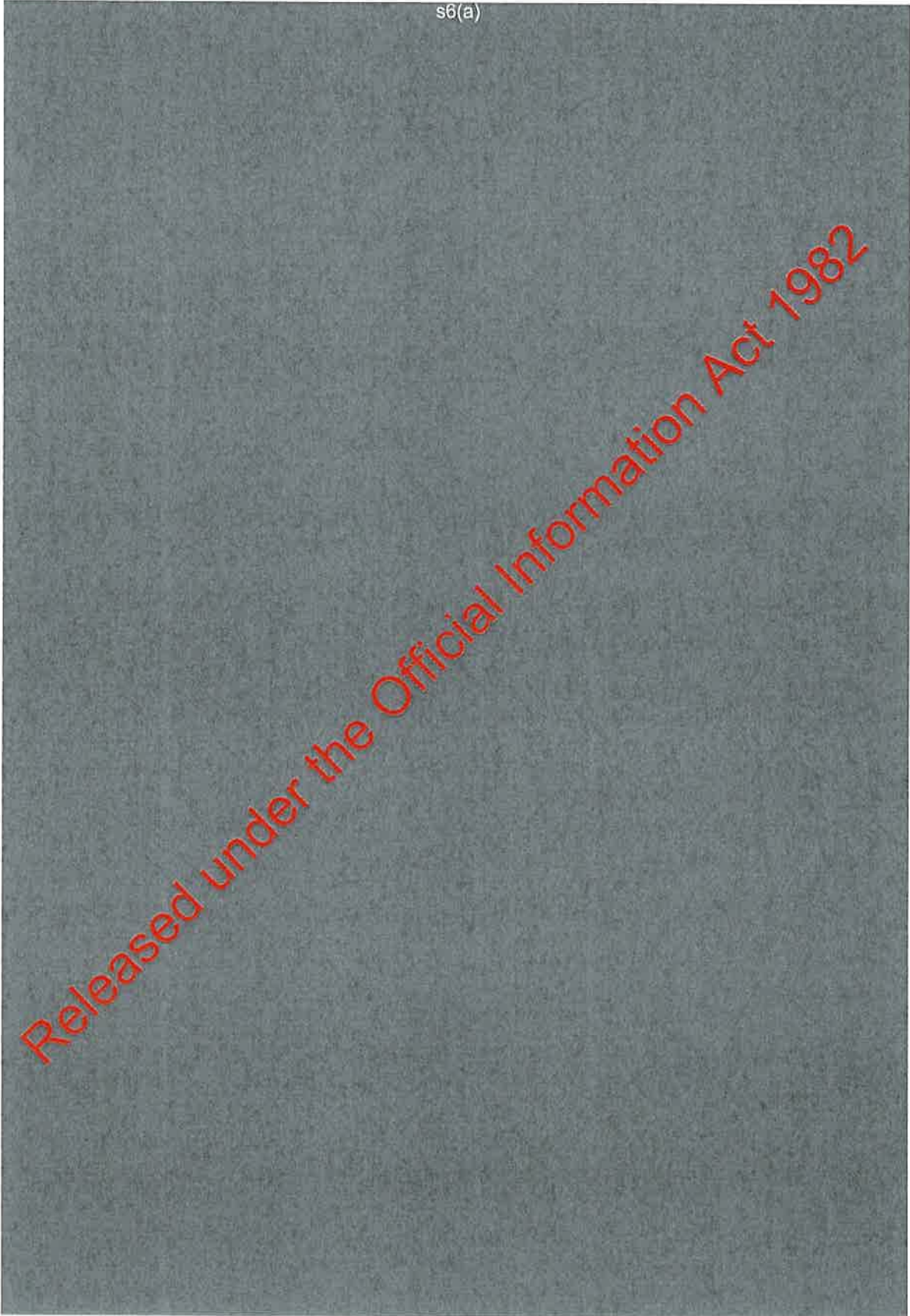
- The deployment of a C-130 Hercules aircraft and 50 New Zealand Defence Force personnel to help with the movement of military aid.
- The recently concluded the deployment of 30 personnel to the UK to train nearly 300 members of the Ukrainian Armed Forces in the use of the L119 Light Field Gun.
- We have also deployed logistics staff, liaison officers and intelligence personnel, in addition to providing funding for weapons, non-lethal military equipment and commercial satellite access.

We stand shoulder to shoulder with Ukraine. We feel strongly that Ukraine's peace and security affects all of us, and we remain committed to lend our support. Meetings such as tonight are valuable opportunities for us to come together to reaffirm our **commitment** to Ukraine, understand where New Zealand can contribute, as well as ensure our response is closely **co-ordinated** with our partners.

We will continue to listen to Ukraine and our partners to see where we can make meaningful contributions.

ANNEX B: SPEAKING ORDER

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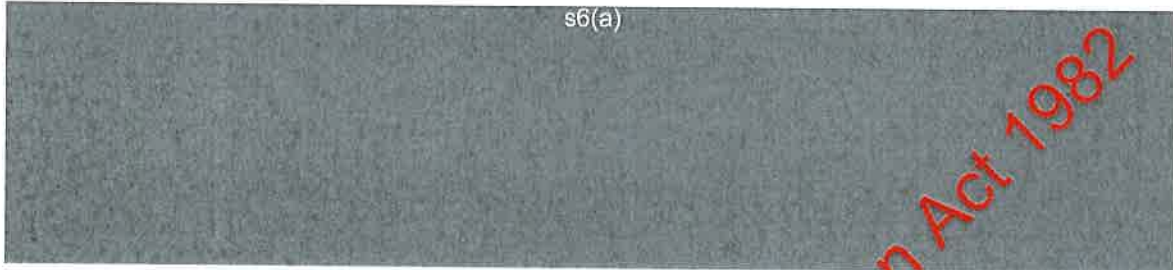
ANNEX C: FORMAL MESSAGE FROM 21 JULY MEETING

RĀPOPOTO – SUMMARY

On 21 July 2022 (NZT) the Minister of Defence Peeni Henare attended a virtual meeting on Ukraine convened by the United States. The theme of the fourth meeting of the US-sponsored Defense Contact Group can be summarised as “sustaining the fight”. The session emphasised the ongoing importance of providing Ukraine with meaningful contributions at pace, as their fight for their sovereignty continues.

There were three key takeaways from the meeting:

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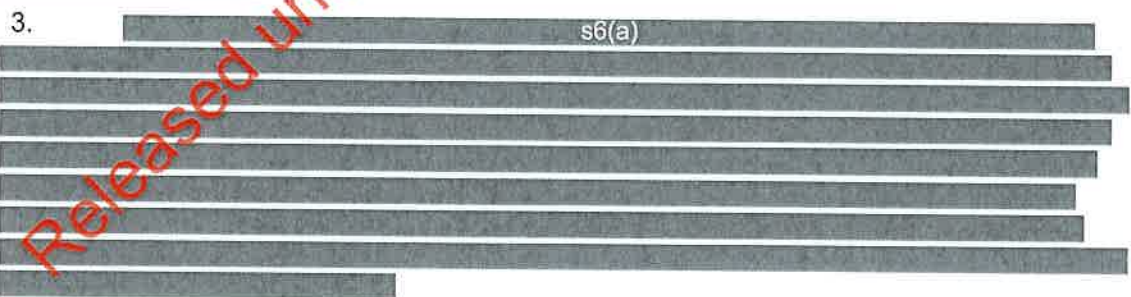
PŪRONGO – REPORT

On 21 July 2022, the Minister of Defence virtually attended the fourth US-led Ukraine Defense Contact Group meeting on Ukraine. He was accompanied by the Assistant Chief Strategic Commitments and Engagements. The meeting was attended by Defence Ministers and other representatives from over 50 countries, as well as NATO and EU delegates. The aim of the meeting was to continue the momentum from previous Contact Group sessions to ensure the flow of assistance to Ukraine is timely, effective and meaningful.

2. In his welcome to attendees, Secretary Austin reflected on Russia’s “war of choice” in Ukraine, noting the conflict had entered its sixth month. s6(a)

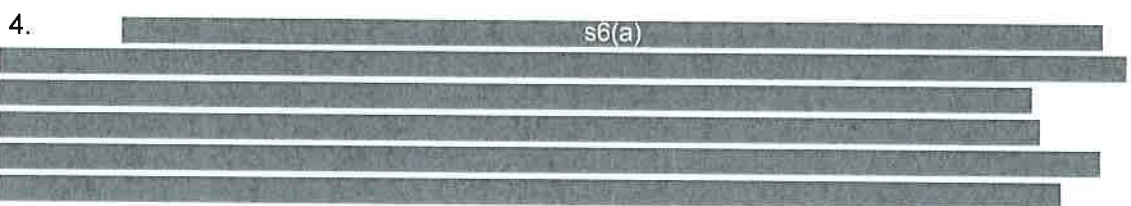


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Update on battlefield conditions

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Session 1: Update on battlefield developments

6. Lieutenant General Yevhen Moisiuk updated the group on the state of the Russian Armed Forces. s6(a)

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7. General Mark Milley, Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, emphasised that Ukraine was on the frontlines of freedom, and noted the global ramifications of this conflict.

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The international community needs to help Ukraine sustain the momentum of the fight.

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12. Attendees then had an opportunity to update the Contact Group on their contributions to Ukraine. Member contributions of note are listed below:

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ANNEX D: SUMMARY OF NEW ZEALAND CONTRIBUTIONS TO UKRAINE

Date	Topic	Announcement	Value of assistance NZ\$ million			Status
			Military	Economic	Diplomatic	
	Total	45.802	33.827	8.750	3.215	
15 August	Military	Deployment of two infantry training teams (120 personnel) to the UK to support Operation Interflex and train up to 800 members of the AFU	4.366			Deployment underway.
15 August	Military	Extending the deployment of the NZDF liaison officer to Germany to 30 November	0.060			Deployment underway.
27 June	Diplomatic	Contribution of \$600,000 to the International Criminal Court and announce New Zealand's intention to intervene in the ICJ case against Russia			0.600	Paid.
27 June	Diplomatic	Secondment of a senior NZ military officer to support the International Criminal Court investigations			0.800	Scoping activity is underway.
27 June	Military	sg(a)	0.100			sg(a)
27 June	Military	Deploying an additional liaison officer to Germany for two months	0.045			Deployment is under way.
27 June	Military	Extending the deployment of two NZDF liaison officers to Belgium and the UK to 30 November	0.209			Deployment is under way.

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27 June	Military	Extending the deployment of four NZDF logistics specialists in Germany to 31 August	0.376			All personnel have returned to New Zealand.
27 June	Military	A further six NZDF signal intelligence analysts deployed to the UK to 30 November	0.568			Deployment is under way.
27 June	Military	Extending the deployment of six NZDF intelligence analysts to the UK and the use of NZ based open-source intelligence capability to 30 November	0.571			Deployment is under way.
27 June	Military	\$4.5 million to the NATO Trust Fund for non-lethal military assistance	4.500			Paid.
9 June	Economic	\$750,000 contribution to USAID project supporting Ukraine's cyber resilience		0.750		Delegated cooperation agreement has been finalised with USAID and funding paid. New Zealand contribution announced on 26 July.
23 May	Military	Artillery Training team, surplus equipment and training ammunition.	1.205			Training has been completed and all personnel have returned to New Zealand. 288 Ukrainian soldiers were trained over the course of this deployment.
3 May	Economic	\$2 million to New Zealand Disaster Response Partnership NGOs.		2.000		Paid. Approved activities cover a range of interventions including cash based assistance, education, psychosocial support and food security. Activities are with partners operating in Moldova, Poland or Romania. With the scaled up activities the total round to be approved is NZ\$1,934,857.
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 over 50 operational flights from 11 countries to logistics nodes in s6(a) . The aircraft has flown 132 flying hours and transported 255,372kg of stores and 98 passengers. The aircraft and supporting crew have now returned to New Zealand.

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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 Defence Intelligence.	4.129			Paid.
11 Apr	Diplomatic	\$1 million to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.			1.000	Paid.
11 Apr	Diplomatic	\$500,000 for the International Court of Justice and International Criminal Court.			0.500	Paid (\$400,000 to the ICC Office of the Prosecutor, \$100,000 towards the costs of external legal counsel for New Zealand's intervention in Ukraine's ICJ case).
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 UKDI and provided a meaningful contribution to the analytical output and resilience of UKDI. 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	Paid.

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			Military	Economic	Diplomatic	
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. TAIT (SIA) 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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Meeting with United States Commander INDOPACOM, Admiral John Aquilino

Monday 1 August, 1100-1130

Purpose

The US Commander Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM) is visiting New Zealand as a guest of the Chief of Defence Force, following the Indo-Pacific Chiefs of Defence Meeting being held in Sydney from 25-27 July. You are the only Minister meeting with him. During his visit, Commander INDOPACOM will also meet with Defence senior leadership and senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.



The objectives for this meeting are to:

1. Reinforce New Zealand's value as a defence and security partner.
2. Reaffirm New Zealand's commitment to the international rules-based system.
3. Welcome opportunities to work together to support the security concerns of Pacific Island nations.

Biography and context

ADM Aquilino assumed duties as the 26th Commander USINDOPACOM in May 2021, having served since May 2018 as Commander of the US Pacific Fleet. USINDOPACOM is the US' oldest and largest Combatant Command. It is responsible for all US military activities in the Indo-Pacific, includes 380,000 soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen, guardians, coast guardsmen, and Department of Defense civilians.

ADM Aquilino is from Huntington, New York. He graduated from the US Naval Academy in 1984, earning a Bachelor of Science in Physics. He subsequently entered flight training and earned his wings in August 1986. He has served in numerous fighter squadrons flying the F-14 A/B Tomcat and the F-18 C/E/F Hornet. He has accumulated more than 5100 mishap-free flight hours and over 1150 carrier-arrested landings. Aquilino graduated from Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN) and the Joint Forces Staff College. He completed Harvard Kennedy School's executive education programme in national and international security.

USINDOPACOM is one of six geographic component commands. Its role is to integrate and use US Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps forces with a defined area of responsibility to achieve US national security interests. Its mission statement is "to enhance stability in the Asia-Pacific region by promoting security cooperation, encouraging peaceful development, responding to contingencies, deterring aggression, and, when necessary, fighting to win." Commander USINDOPACOM is accountable to the Secretary of Defense.

ADM Aquilino

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He has previously visited New Zealand in April 2019 as Commander US Pacific Fleet, where he was hosted by Chief of Navy.

Key messages

- The bilateral defence partnership with the US is built on deep roots, shared values, and history. It is deeply important to New Zealand. The visit of the USS Howard to New Zealand in November 2021 was a clear symbol of this close relationship.
- Acknowledge Prime Minister Ardern's recent successful visit to the United States and meeting with President Biden, including the release of the US-NZ Joint Statement. The Statement notes that defence and security will become an ever-more important focus of our strategic partnership.
- The New Zealand Defence Force is pleased to be participating in Exercise RIMPAC. Opportunities like RIMPAC are invaluable for strengthening our cooperation and interoperability with Indo-Pacific partners. Our sustainment vessel HMNZS Aotearoa will conduct at-sea logistics. NZDF is also providing dive and hydrography support to the Exercise, as well as providing a range of Headquarters, operations, and support staff.
- New Zealand has a long and proud history of contributions to international security operations. Most recently, the NZDF has deployed to Solomon Islands in response to unrest there and has personnel in Europe supporting international military assistance to Ukraine. Cabinet also recently extended the mandates for NZDF deployments in Africa and the Middle East. These deployments reflect our commitment to working with partners in the maintenance of the international rules-based system.
- Defence cooperation with the US supports a secure, stable, and resilient Pacific. New Zealand welcomes the US' desire to engage more with the Pacific, including through defence cooperation. s6(a)

- You may wish to reflect on your time at the Shangri-La Dialogue and your speech at the session on climate change and green defence. New Zealand is pleased to contribute to the INDOPACOM Pacific Environmental Security Forum (PESF) and INDOPACOM Community for Indo-Pacific Climate Security Forum (CIPCS), both of which are aimed at improving the resilience of Indo-Pacific countries against climate change and other environmental impacts. *[Note one of Admiral Aquilino's priorities is to address the military impacts of climate change.]*
- You may also wish to talk about your priorities as Minister of Defence.
 - **People** are Defence's greatest asset. Defence needs to ensure that personnel are ready and supported to face the challenges ahead, including strategic competition and climate change (as identified in the *Defence Assessment 2021* which was published by the Ministry of Defence).
 - The focus on **infrastructure** will ensure members of the Defence Force can live and work in buildings that are healthy, safe and fit-for-purpose both now and in the future. Investment in defence infrastructure will also help accelerate the recovery by providing opportunities for local businesses.
 - The **Pacific** priority reflects current challenges faced by Pacific Island countries and the important role Defence has in supporting this. The security and stability of the Pacific is intimately tied to that of New Zealand.

Engagement in the Indo-Pacific

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- Emphasise the importance New Zealand places on working regional issues through Pacific-led regional mechanisms. This approach was reaffirmed at the recent Pacific Islands Forum meeting in Fiji.
- Two of our ships departed New Zealand last week to provide a range of maritime security and other support to Pacific partners for the next three months. This is part of our Operation Mahi Tahī and includes maritime patrols by Orion aircraft to detect and deter illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing.
- Other recent activities that the New Zealand Defence Force has undertaken in the Indo-Pacific include our ongoing contribution to the enforcement of UN sanctions on DPRK.

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- New Zealand's current extensive programme of investment includes the introduction into service of four Boeing P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft (NZ\$2.4 billion) and five Lockheed Martin C-130J Hercules (NZ\$1.5 billion) to replace our current fleet. This expenditure was a once-in-a-generation commitment for New Zealand

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Background

Military Information

Defence budget	US\$801 billion (2021) – around 3.5 per cent of GDP
Military personnel	Total – approx. 2.2 million Active – approx. 1.4 million Reserve – approx. 857,000
Deployments (as applicable)	UN Command and UN Military Armistice Commission (Republic of Korea) Op Gallant Phoenix (Jordan) Multinational Force and Observers (Egypt)

Defence relationship milestones

1965	Joint Logistics Pool to support Antarctic research established with the US (Defence cooperation in this area continued throughout the period of the 1984-2012 'rift').
1984	NZ Government refused diplomatic clearance for a visit to New Zealand by a US Navy warship, as a result of which US 'suspended' its responsibilities for NZ under ANZUS and curtailed defence relations. At the heart of the issue was disagreement over New Zealand's anti-nuclear policies.
2010	Wellington Declaration on a new strategic partnership between New Zealand and the US, signed by respective Ministers of Foreign Affairs.
2012	Washington Declaration on Defence Cooperation, which signalled the re-birth of the bilateral defence relationship.
2016	The visit by USS Sampson to New Zealand for the Royal New Zealand Navy's (RNZN) 75 th Anniversary in November 2016; the first by a US warship since the 1984 rift. Along with a number of vessels in New Zealand for this event, the ship assisted with the response to the Kaikoura earthquake.

Bilateral defence relationship

The US is an essential security, intelligence, and defence partner for New Zealand. The US has the largest security and defence capability globally, and we have shared interests in a safe, prosperous, and sustainable world.

2. New Zealand's defence engagement with the US is broad and deep, and spans almost all NZDF capabilities. Engagement occurs at all levels and includes shared defence deployments, maritime security, counter-terrorism, peacekeeping, and humanitarian assistance.

3. There is a high tempo to bilateral defence engagement, supported by the interoperability of our forces and the platforms they use. New Zealand and the US regularly participate in joint training exercises, across a large number of domains. New Zealand places great value in these exercises, which make a significant contribution to the generation of NZDF capability. NZDF is currently participating in Exercise RIMPAC, which kicked off in late June.

4. The visit of the USS Howard to New Zealand in November 2021 was a positive engagement for our two navies and a clear symbol of our close bilateral relationship. The USS Howard's visit was the second US Navy ship visit since the 1980s and the introduction of New Zealand's nuclear-free legislation, following the visit of the USS Sampson in 2016 for the Royal New Zealand Navy's 75th anniversary, and which was diverted to Kaikoura to assist with response efforts in the aftermath of the 2016 earthquake.

Defence cooperation



7. As the US continues to promote its concept of "integrated deterrence" (all of government and working in partnership with like-minded countries), which will feature heavily in its upcoming National Defense Strategy, s6(a)

8. The New Zealand Ministry of Defence has agreed to chair the INDOPACOM Pacific Environmental Security Partnership Policy Working Group (PWG) and is currently drafting a three-year work plan. s6(a), s6(b)(i)



New Zealand hosted the

Forum in 2019 as a joint MOD-MFAT initiative.

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Strategic Commitments & Engagements, New Zealand Defence Force
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Meeting with United States Deputy Secretary of State, Wendy Sherman

TBC: Sunday 7 August, 1800-1830

Purpose

The US Deputy Secretary of State is visiting New Zealand as part of a wider tour of the Pacific, following her visit to Solomon Islands for the Guadalcanal commemorations. We are seeking a bilateral meeting for you and Deputy Secretary Sherman in Honiara [REDACTED] Deputy Secretary Sherman will then meet meet Prime Minister Ardern and a range of officials in New Zealand on Tuesday 9 August.



The objectives for this meeting are to:

1. Reinforce New Zealand's value as a defence and security partner.
2. Reaffirm New Zealand's commitment to the international rules-based system.
3. Welcome opportunities to work together to support the needs of Pacific countries, including on climate change – the Pacific's greatest self-identified security concern.

Biography and context

Wendy R. Sherman was confirmed by the Senate on 13 April 2021 and sworn in as the 21st and first female Deputy Secretary of State on 14 April 2021. Prior to assuming this position, Deputy Secretary Sherman was professor of the practice of public leadership and director of the Center for Public Leadership at the Harvard Kennedy School. She was also a Senior Fellow at the School's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, and a Senior Counselor at Albright Stonebridge Group.

From 2011-2015, Deputy Secretary Sherman served as Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, where she travelled to 54 countries and led the US negotiating team that reached agreement on the Iran Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action for which, among other diplomatic accomplishments, she was awarded the National Security Medal by President Barack Obama.

She previously served at the State Department as Counselor under Secretary Madeleine Albright, as Special Advisor to President Clinton and Policy Coordinator on North Korea, and as Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs under Secretary Warren Christopher.

She also previously served on the President's Intelligence Advisory Board, was Chair of the Board of Directors of Oxfam America, and served on the US Department of Defense's Policy Board and Congressional Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction, Proliferation, and Terrorism.

Deputy Secretary Sherman attended Smith College, and received a B.A. cum laude from Boston University and a Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Maryland.

She is married to Bruce Stokes and has a daughter, Sarah, and two grandsons.

Key messages

- The bilateral defence partnership with the US is built on deep roots, shared values, and history. It is deeply important to New Zealand. The visit of the USS Howard to New Zealand in November 2021 was a clear symbol of this close relationship.
- Acknowledge Prime Minister Ardern's recent successful visit to the United States and meeting with President Biden, including the release of the US-NZ Joint Statement. The Statement notes that defence and security will become an ever-more important focus of our strategic partnership. It also notes that our countries will work together to expand our cooperation in other ways. One such way could be looking for opportunities to support Pacific countries as they address climate change.
- Emphasise the importance New Zealand places on supporting Pacific priorities, respecting Pacific-led institutions, and working regional issues through Pacific-led regional mechanisms. This approach was reaffirmed at the recent Pacific Islands Forum meeting in Fiji.
- New Zealand has a long and proud history of contributions to international security operations. Most recently, the NZDF has deployed to Solomon Islands in response to unrest in 2021 and has personnel in Europe supporting international military assistance to Ukraine. Cabinet also recently extended the mandates for NZDF deployments in Africa and the Middle East. These deployments reflect our commitment to working with partners in the maintenance of the international rules-based system.
- Acknowledge the US' significant contributions to Ukraine in support of their self-defence, and thank the US for its leadership. You may wish to outline New Zealand's military contributions to Ukraine, which include deploying a NZDF C-130H Hercules aircraft and 66 personnel to Europe to provide intelligence, liaison, and logistics contributions to partner efforts to support the self-defence of Ukraine. We have also deployed 30 personnel and ammunition to the United Kingdom to train the Ukrainian Army in the use of the L119 light field gun, as well as donating surplus aiming systems.

Engagement in the Pacific

- Cooperation with the US supports a peaceful, secure, stable, and resilient Pacific. New Zealand welcomes the US' desire to engage more with the Pacific

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- Acknowledge the recent launch of the US-led Partners of the Blue Pacific initiative, which provides a good initial framework to coordinate closely with partners, at officials level, in response to Pacific priorities.

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- Other recent major capability enhancements include:
 - the completion of the major upgrade for the frigates;

- the entry into service of the new tanker *Aotearoa* and dive-hydro vessel *Manawanui*; and
 - New armoured *Bushmaster* vehicles and networked communications for the Army.
- The cumulative expenditure on these and other projects has lifted New Zealand's defence expenditure.
- I have launched a Defence Policy Review. This will help shape our future investments to ensure they are relevant to the challenges identified in in our recent Defence Assessment..

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Partners in the Blue Pacific

9. The Partners in the Blue Pacific initiative was launched in June 2022. It currently comprises New Zealand, Australia, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States,

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US re-engagement in the Pacific will bring with it increased presence, resources, and attention across a wide range of issues where collective action will be essential to make progress (e.g. climate change, IUU fishing, and economic prosperity).

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July 2022*

MINISTER OF DEFENCE BRIEF - COPENHAGEN UKRAINE CONFERENCE

2030hr – 2230hr Thursday 11 August

Context

You have been invited by the Denmark Minister of Defence Morten Bødskov to attend this meeting, co-hosted by Denmark and the UK. The purpose of this meeting is to further strengthen cooperation and dialogue between Ukraine and its Northern European allies. The conference will discuss a number of papers, presented by partners, which discuss ways to enhance support to Ukraine across training, funding and industry dimensions. Copies of these papers are attached to this pack.

The conference is taking place in Copenhagen, with in-person and virtual attendees. A list of countries who are attending is summarised below. Classified briefings will take place after the opening remarks of this conference, scheduled to finish at 10.30pm NZT. New Zealand will be represented in-person by a Liaison Officer to NATO.

You will not be making a statement during the conference.

Attendees

Minister of Defence, Peeni Henare

Assistant Chief, Strategic Commitments and Engagements, Air Commodore Darryn Webb

Military Secretary, Captain Shane Arndell

Intermediate Analyst, s9(2)(g)(i)

Agenda

2030hr: Opening remarks

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2100hr: Session on Funding

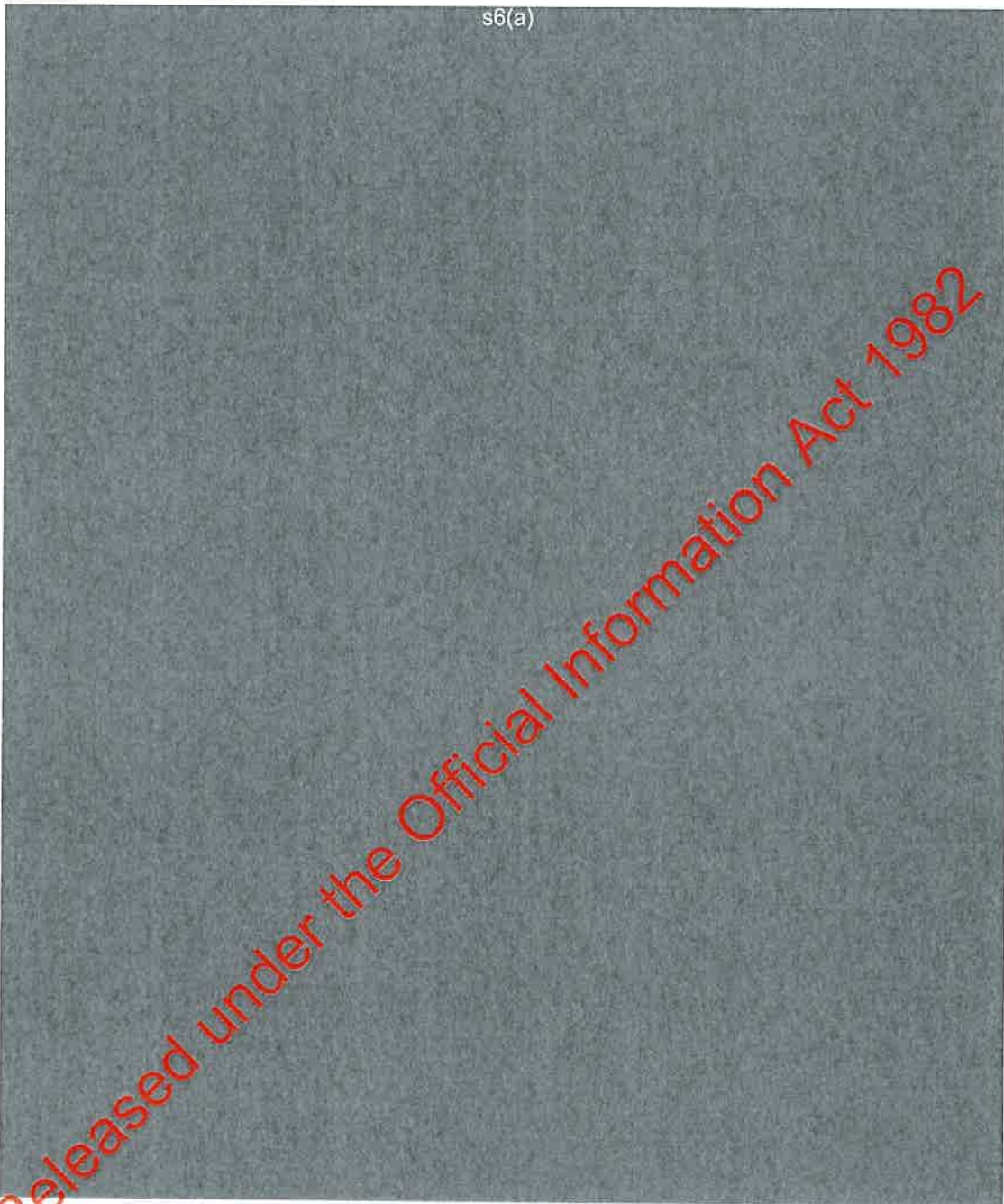
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2215hr: Closing remarks

- VTC session ends – classified briefings for the remainder of the conference

Countries attending and head of delegation (as at 4 August)

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Submission to the Minister of Defence

Progress Update against Ministerial Priorities (1 April to 30 June 2022)

MoD ref: 77-2022

NZDF tracking: 2022-219

Type of submission:	Quarterly priorities report	For action by:	Routine
For referral to:	Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Minister of Foreign Affairs		
Purpose:	To provide an update on progress against Ministerial priorities for Defence		

Recommended actions:

- a) **Note** the attached quarterly report outlining progress against Ministerial priorities; Yes / No
- b) **Note** the next quarterly progress report will be provided to your office in November; Yes / No
- c) **Provide** any feedback on the content to Defence officials; and Yes / No
- d) **Refer** a copy of this submission and attached report to the Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Minister of Foreign Affairs for their awareness. Yes / No

MINISTER OF DEFENCE

Date:

KR SHORT
Air Marshal
Chief of Defence Force
Date: 06 SEP 22

ANDREW BRIDGMAN
Secretary of Defence
Date: 7.9.22

NZDF contact:

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MOD contact:

Agencies involved:

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Summary: Update against Ministerial Priorities: 1 April to 30 June 2022

PEOPLE	INFRASTRUCTURE	PACIFIC	CULTURE & WĀNANGA	SUSTAINING DEFENCE
<p>Regeneration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Army: Chief of Army issued a comprehensive Directive for 2022/23 on the progressive regeneration of Army's land military response options, with an initial focus on regional options Air Force: effort will be focused primarily on individual training and advanced crew skills, and readiness training activities (domestically and internationally). Navy: effort is focused on stabilisation strategies for the workforce and assessing impacts of unprecedented attrition, in some trades, across the naval system. 	<p>The Defence Estate First Principles Review Cabinet paper and Future Naval Base Indicative Business Case are with the Minister's Office.</p> <p>Approximately 160 homes are becoming Healthy-Homes compliant each month, with 1,120 of the 1,905 compliant as of 30 June</p>	<p>Extension of security support to Solomon Islands.</p> <p>Supporting Pacific partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministerial meetings with: Tonga PM (virtual), Solomon Islands Minister. Secretaries' Dialogue with Fiji, PNG, Australian and Tonga. Bilateral talks with Fiji. Army initiated refreshed cooperation programmes, including a Regional Reconnaissance Training Programme 	<p>Two-day wānanga by the NZDF Māori Advisory Group to discuss work streams and priorities</p> <p>Working with other nations to shape the United States-led Partners in the Blue Pacific initiative</p>	<p>The first Ohakea hangar roof was raised in May and the second on 26 July. The first P-8A aircraft was also completed in Seattle.</p> <p>In May New Zealand and Australian Heads of Procurement jointly presented at the Indo Pacific Maritime Expo in Sydney, to reinforce New Zealand businesses' being considered as 'local' in Australia.</p>
<p>Expert Review Group (ERG) recommendations:</p> <p>Office of the CDF has prioritised resources for key vacancy recruitment to support the Chief of Staff</p> <p>Establishing the Inspector-General of Defence: Cabinet has made final policy decisions on design and approved drafting of the Bill. The first draft is nearing completion.</p>	<p>The high priority initial airfield works are progressing well</p>	<p>Improved access to key Pacific Island partners, notably for Pacific Leadership Development Programme and Mutual Assistance Programme.</p>	<p>Working group stood up to begin scoping a statement of transparency. The Minister for the Public Service announced an expansion of the Government's proactive release regime.</p>	<p>The Ministry of Defence (MoD) completed verification of its 2019/20 and 2020/21 carbon emissions and agreed a plan to meet emissions reductions targets. NZDF has progressed its carbon verifications for 2016/17 through to 2021/22 (some still underway).</p>
<p>Office of the Auditor-General has completed the audit survey of NZDF personnel as part of Operation RESPECT.</p>	<p>Delivering new infrastructure – Consolidated Logistics: the registration of interest is complete for the Burnham Maintenance Support Facility Project.</p>	<p>Army initiated refreshed cooperation programmes, including a Regional Reconnaissance Training Programme.</p>	<p>Planning is well advanced for the NZDF hosting of the International Defence Rugby Championship – a 15-a-side women's competition.</p>	<p>NZDF and the MoD have engaged with the Ministry for the Environment and Te Waihanga as part of the National Adaptation Plan actions and announcement.</p>
<p>Ensuring Defence people are well-trained and effective: Launch of the modern e-learning platform for all NZDF learners. The MoD new People Strategy is being consulted with a range of staff</p>			<p>NZDF rolling out Kia Eke, the NZDF Māori Strategic Framework. The MoD developed and commenced roll-out of a Te Ao Māori road map.</p>	<p>Defence Policy Review Terms of Reference approved by ERS on 7 June, Cabinet on 13 June, inaugurating the Review process which will reset policy and, potentially, capability settings.</p>

People

Defence represents and reflects New Zealand

A foundational element of Defence's *angitu* is the *mana* afforded its people. Defence needs to support this *mana* by ensuring its people represent and reflect the communities from which they come and that the reputation and credibility of its people is supported and maintained.

Kotahitanga is expressed through ensuring diversity of people and equitable representation of women.

Objectives

- The Defence Force reflects the community it serves.
- Our people are safe, well-trained and effective.
- Military Service is recognised and acknowledged
- Defence personnel cost pressure challenges are managed
- Women, Peace and Security principles are embedded across New Zealand Defence and through international deployments.

Key achievements for this quarter

Finalise the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) Workforce Strategy

• Chief of Army has issued a comprehensive Directive for FY 22/23 that gives further detail on Army's regeneration. This will see the progressive regeneration of Army's land military response options (MROs) with, in line with NZ Government priorities, an initial focus on regional MROs.

MROs remain available.

• Phase One of Army's regeneration is currently underway with focus applied to regeneration of Land Force High Readiness MRO's for domestic and regional contingencies. By Jun 23, alongside a modernised Army training system, a regionally focussed humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR) Task Unit and Light Infantry Company Group will be held at high readiness with other, larger and more complex, capabilities being incrementally regenerated.

• The Air Force's regeneration effort will be focused primarily on individual training and advanced crew skills, and readiness training activities (domestically and internationally) designed to regain or maintain crew currencies. Regeneration activities will be balanced against the drawdown of existing platforms and introduction into service of new capabilities. The Air Force's regeneration program will be conducted whilst also supporting regeneration activities for Navy and Army.

The Navy's regeneration effort for Q4 FY21/22 primarily focused on stabilisation strategies for the workforce and assessing impacts of unprecedented attrition, in some trades, across the naval system. The impact to introduction into service and the delivery of NZDF outputs is being closely monitored. Maintenance on HMNZS TE Kaha and HMNZS CANTERBURY (CAN) continued, with investigations revealing notable additional maintenance necessary to enable the ships to prepare for and deliver outputs (primarily Naval Combat regeneration and HADR) in the coming periods.

Implement the recommendations of the Report of the Government Inquiry into Operation BURNHAM and related matters

Implementation of the Expert Review Group's recommendations

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Expected milestones for next quarter

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- By October 2022 OPRES reporting will utilise refreshed Army capability bricks for HADR and the Light Infantry Company Group (the former High Readiness Task Unit) capabilities.
- No change to the Air Force's regeneration intentions.
- An Air Force Temporary Order, under the name of Operation HAUMANU, will be issued this quarter to establish and activate the regeneration efforts.
- Reporting (measures of performance) against directed Air Force regeneration target dates will commence.
- Chief of Navy will release his Directive for FY22/23 and continue refining the four year focused regeneration plan at a detailed level. This plan will map out to completion, the introduction into Service of the upgraded Naval Combat capabilities.

Courses of action will be designed to optimise the introduction of these capabilities while continuing the delivery of Outputs, balancing workforce stability and platform availability, with a forecast of trade regeneration.

- An approach to discussion of the role of Special Operations Forces (SOF) with the national security sector was developed. The first priority is to increase understanding of SOF current capability and roles (recommendation 5.2).
- Initial action has been taken to strengthen the Chief of Staff team in the Office to CDF by prioritising resources for key vacancies recruitment
- The high level operational lifecycle was defined, and terms of reference (ToRs) for a new Agencies Reference Group were drafted. The agreed scope for further analysis is NZDF Operations authorised by Cabinet Mandate.
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) and Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) will be consulted on ToRs for the new Defence Operations Reference Group (recommendation 2.2, due 30 September 22).
- Develop the POLADs training implementation plan (recommendation 3.1, due Dec 22). Standard ToRs for a POLAD will be finalised, and administrative arrangements when deploying MoD civilians clarified. Engagement across the NZDF will promote understanding of the role.
- Defence will engage with key national security sector officials to raise awareness on the current role of SOF (recommendation 5.2, due Q1 2023).
- The concept paper on defining the operational lifecycle will inform updated joint Defence agency guidelines for advice to Ministers, including increased focus on strategic objectives and measures (recommendation 2.1, 2.3).
- Strengthening Office of the Chief of Defence Force (OCDF) staff support focus on filling key core vacancies (recommendation 4.2).

Establishment of an Inspector-General of Defence

- In May 2022, Cabinet made final policy decisions on the design of the Inspector-General of Defence (scope, functions, powers and form) and approved instructions to be issued to Parliament Counsel Office to begin drafting a bill to implement these decisions. Drafting is now well underway.
- The Inspector-General Defence (IGD) Bill will be drafted and consulted with central government agency stakeholders, other oversight bodies with whom the IGD may work, and the Senior Officials Steering Group overseeing the development on the advice of the IGD (by end August).
- MoD officials will also send the Bill to the Ministry of Justice to be vetted for compliance with the Bill of Rights Act 1990 (in early September).
- MoD officials will prepare materials to support you for the next key milestone in the IGD project – seeking Cabinet's approval to introduce the Bill into Parliament – and provide these to your office for ministerial and caucus consultation by Thurs 22 September.

On-going implementation of Operation RESPECT

- The Office of the Auditor-General has completed the audit survey of NZDF personnel.

Launch of the Gender and Security Defence Assessment Policy Statement

Modernisation of the Military Justice System

- Work with the Defence agencies to ensure their people are well-trained and effective

NZDF Families Survey

- An NZDF Families Survey has been developed aimed at providing a better understanding of the impact of service life, awareness of support services available and the nature of particular challenges.
- The MoD has developed a draft People Strategy which is being consulted with a range of staff.
- Defence Learning Management System Phase 2 (Totara) was expected to go live at the end of this quarter. This will provide a modern e-learning platform for all NZDF learners.
- Ethics approval from both the New Zealand Ethics Committee and the NZDF Research Ethics Committee has now been granted and the NZDF Families Survey Research will now be launched in mid-July.
- 'Go Live' has been delayed until the 10 August 2022 due to COVID-19 and unplanned security assurance tasks.

Infrastructure

Looking after our people and generating military effects.

For Defence to provide kaihiakitanga for capabilities into the future it must ensure that its people, its principal capability, are housed and equipped in a way that ensures their wellbeing, and that of their families and communities. Defence's mana is maintained by its ability to respond credibly when it is needed. Ensuring Defence's people are housed and its infrastructure is appropriate is a key enabler for this.

Objectives

- A rolling refresh of Defence accommodation and facilities to support the wellbeing of personnel is delivered.
- The impact of the Government's carbon-neutral initiatives on Defence is assessed.
- Mitigation activities for the impact of Climate Change to Defence Estate are delivered.

Key achievements for this quarter

Finalise the First Principles Review of the Defence Estate

- Cabinet approval of the First Principles Review of the Defence Estate Footprint is a critical requirement for progressing all major infrastructure investments priorities including Defence Estate Regeneration Plan (DERP)-related accommodation and Housing PBCs.
- First Principles Review paper and Future Naval Base Indicative Business Case is with the Minister (for submission to Government). This remains unchanged from June 2021.

Support the NZDF to accelerate meeting their healthy homes requirements

- Delivery of Healthy Homes-compliant properties is on track to meet the NZDF timeframe of 30 June 2023. Approximately 160 homes become compliant each month.
 - As of 30 June 2022, 1,120 of the 1,905 units of housing stock are compliant. This is lower than the target of 1,200, due to the lag in uploading evidence of completed works.
 - In the absence of a successful budget bid for compliance in the 22/23 FY, NZDF will prioritise Healthy Homes measures at the expense of renovations and remodelling Defence Housing to modern standards.
- Anticipating 1,400 compliant units by 30 September 2022.

Prioritise housing, accommodation and messing projects

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NZDF Sustainable Infrastructure Standards

- Continued implementation, with a focus on verification and reporting.

Delivering new infrastructure to support major Defence capability projects

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Expected milestones for next quarter

- Expected milestone dependent on confirmation of Cabinet consideration of the Review.

- The NZDF and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment are working together on a process to use the NZDF Sustainable Infrastructure Standards in lieu of 'Green Star' which does not work effectively for military-specific infrastructure.

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Pacific

We are in and of the Pacific

Kotahitanga reflects our whānau tangata with the Pacific region and the importance of ensuring that our partnerships with Pacific Island Countries reinforce a region of stable, secure, resilient and independent states. The strong relationships we maintain in the Pacific and with wider partners work to amplify New Zealand's voice internationally and support our security.

Objectives

- Defence supports a secure, stable and resilient Pacific.
- Pacific regional architecture is strengthened so that it achieves better results for the region:
 - The Pacific's Women, Peace and Security initiatives are supported.
- Engaging the Pacific on climate change and security.

Key achievements for this quarter

Supporting Pacific partners in building resilient, capable security systems through presence and partnerships.

Key bilateral meetings:

- Minister of Defence virtual meeting with Tonga PM on 11 May.
- Minister of Defence meeting with Solomon Islands Minister Veke at the Shangri-La Dialogue on 9-12 June.
- In-person Bilateral Defence Talks with Fiji on 9 May.

Regional Initiatives

- Secretaries Dialogue with Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Australia and Tonga on 4 May.

Update from NZDF

- Improved access (post-COVID-19) to key Pacific Island partners for the continued development/execution of NZDF Pacific-focused programmes (notably Pacific Leadership Development Programme (PLDP) and the Mutual Assistance Programme (MAP))
- In alignment with NZ Government priorities, Army has initiated several refreshed co-operation programmes, including a Regional Reconnaissance Training Program, which will work to improve inter-operability and sustain meaningful partnerships with our Pacific Partners. In line with what our Partners have requested, this is currently focussed on infantry, engineers, logistics and Special Operations Force elements.

Assist Pacific partners to address security challenges to their livelihood, security and well-being, such as climate change and illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing

- Solomon Islands: Extension to New Zealand's security support to 31 May 2023.
- Provision of two Logistic Officers for Election Planning in PNG.
- Provision of Northern Patrol (NORPAT) P3K2 Fishery Patrols.

Expected milestones for next quarter

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- Minister of Defence meeting with his Tongan counterpart in July.
- Minister of Defence visit to Solomon Islands/Vanuatu in August/September.
- Bilateral Defence Talks are planned with key partners in Tonga, Vanuatu and Papua New Guinea. These will be in-person where possible.
- MoD secondment to the Fiji Ministry for Defence, National Security and Policing.
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- Secretary of Defence visit to Fiji.
- Engagement with our Pacific partners will continue in Quarter 1, with the Commander Logistics, as the NZDF Logistics Principal of the Pacific Area Senior Officers Logistics Seminar (PASOLS), hosting the PASOLS Oceania Members sub-committee meeting in New Zealand in September 2022, prior to the PASOLS event in the Philippines.
- Naval presence, patrol, support and engagement (Operation MAHI TAHI).
- Ex VEILUTAKI – Officer Cadet Training Exercise FIJI with RFMF.
- Ex KUPE (HADR Exercise) – Niue in July 2022, Cook Islands August 2022 and Vanuatu September 2022.
- Ex TROPIC TWILIGHT – Niue Engineer Support to rebuild the school.

- Assistance to the Solomon Islands Government with its Maritime Security Strategy development.

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- MoD Co-Chairing with Fiji the Policy Working Group of the Pacific Environmental Security Forum on 1-4 August 2022.
- Support to Kiriwai Drought with the provision of Air Support.
- Op MAHI TAHI fishery patrols planned for Fiji, Niue, Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.
- Op RENDER SAFE – Reconnaissance for the destruction of unexploded explosive remnants from WW2 off Solomon Islands.
- Continuation of NORPAT P3K2 Fishery Patrols.

Support the Minister for COVID-19 Response and Minister of Foreign Affairs to assist Pacific neighbours with COVID-19-related needs in a manner that is Pacific-led

- The ongoing need for this type of support from the NZDF has been confirmed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Ministry of Health, and the authorisation process will be renewed for a further year.
- The NZDF has provided flights to Niue, Solomon Islands and Tonga transporting personal protection equipment, vaccines and testing equipment.

Culture and Wānanga

Trust and confidence in Defence; Defence strengthens its connections with the New Zealand community; and a distinctive New Zealand voice is heard internationally Partnerships are at the heart of how Defence operates and are a part of the principle of kotahitanga. New Zealanders, communities, other government agencies, defence industry and international partners are all a part of how Defence pursues *angitu*. Engagement, or wānanga with all of these partners in New Zealand and internationally is a crucial part of delivering on Government's policy objectives. Pono is achieved through ensuring Defence is transparent and accountable to the people of New Zealand. Kotahitanga is given life by Defence embedding connectedness with New Zealand communities and building a culture of trust and confidence. Foreign and defence policy are mutually supporting through Defence's partnership with Manatū Aotearoa.

Mana and pono in turn reinforce this connection where Defence's reputation is enhanced within New Zealand and our unique culture is given a voice internationally. Ensuring diversity of people, equal representation of women, and the integration of Te Ao Māori and Te Tiriti principles into Defence will enhance the mana and credibility of both organisations. Generating and sustaining a culture of professionalism and agility helps reinforce New Zealand's reputation at home and abroad.

Objectives

- Defence decisions are transparent.
- Trust and confidence in Defence is enhanced.
- Strengthening Defence's partnership with Māori.
- Te Ao Māori and Treaty principles are incorporated into Defence and are reflected in our security relationships.
- Strong relationships amplify New Zealand's voice internationally and strengthen our security.
- Our voice is heard and our actions matter on the major defence challenges for New Zealand: geostrategic competition and climate change
- Understanding of the role and value of Defence to security and wellbeing is strengthened:
 - Defence delivers advice as part of a broader national security sector.
 - Defence operates as part of an integrated approach to regional and international security.
 - Defence respects and protects vulnerable people in its engagement and operations.

Key achievements for this quarter

Development of a statement of transparency for Defence

- Defence has stood up a working group to begin scoping a statement of transparency.

Expected milestones for next quarter

Initial scoping work on the statement of transparency has commenced, noting that this work has been deprioritised because of other work priorities.

Ongoing proactive release of Cabinet papers

- The Minister for the Public Service has signalled a further expansion of the Government's proactive release regime.

Agencies are looking to implement the updated proactive release policy. This will include for example reporting for the number and the timeliness of releases.

Bringing New Zealand's unique voice and multicultural identity to international defence engagements and operations

- Senior defence officials continued to represent New Zealand at a variety of engagements with partners beyond the Pacific, allowing New Zealand perspectives to be communicated.
- The NZDF will host the women's International Defence Rugby Championship 2022 in October. Planning for the Championship is well advanced. The specific aim of the Championship is to enhance the awareness, engagement and integration of Defence women from across the world through the medium of sport with a uniquely Pacific focus. It will also provide a platform to support Women, Peace and Security / Pacific Defence Gender Network initiatives.

Ensuring opportunities and career pathways for people skilled in Te Ao Māori

- Members of the Māori Advisory Group (NZDF and service Māori cultural advisors, kaumātua, marae staff and training & education staff) conducted a two day wānanga to discuss work streams and priorities.
 - NZDF will commence a review of the NZDF Māori advisory structure, commencing with the Senior Māori Advisor and Māori Cultural Advisor positions in OCDF.

Supporting Defence people to engage effectively and meaningfully with Māori

- The MoD are developing and beginning the roll out of a Te Ao Māori road map – the road map will set a direction and key milestones for the MoD to:
 - ensure that Māori perspectives inform MoD work, including policy, and capability development and operational business and seek to understand the needs and expectations of Māori in relation to Defence capabilities and advice;
 - establish ongoing and meaningful relationships that facilitate partnership between mana whenua/iwi/Māori;
 - resource the uplift of staff skills and knowledge in Te Ao Māori and Te Tiriti;
 - partner with Māori to actively protect taonga impacted by past or present Defence policy and capabilities; and
 - embed a Māori world view into its ways of working that honours the MoD commitment as a Te Tiriti o Waitangi partner.
- The NZDF is formally rolling out Kia Eke, the NZDF Māori Strategic Framework. The three goals underpinning this framework are:
 - Our people thrive in a culture and environments that reflects Te Ao Māori.
 - We are a defence force that has strong relationships that achieve great outcomes for New Zealand, Māori and the region.
 - We are a defence force whose policies, governance and technologies support the aspirations for a bicultural NZDF.

- The NZDF will develop its te reo Māori Language plan in consultation with Te Taura Whiri i te reo Māori.
- Formal launch of Te Waharoa, the NZDF application to uplift understanding and competency in te reo Māori and tikanga.
- The Defence Estate and Infrastructure Alliance is to co-design a Māori Partnership Framework for the NZDF. The key milestone for this quarter is project initiation and planning, which will then inform the co-design stage. Project initiation and planning will include the following:
 - wānanga with key NZDF stakeholders;
 - detailed stakeholder mapping; and
 - project and stakeholder engagement planning.

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Sustaining Defence

Generating military effects

Defence can only deliver a combat capable and ready system as part of *angitu* if all the elements of capability are supported. This refers to capability in all its forms

Objectives

- Capability is delivered and operated that enables Defence Force personnel to safely undertake their tasks of delivering a combat capable force that is able to respond and operate with confidence.
- Defence engages with Defence Industry to support New Zealand's economic recovery.
- Equipment is delivered to sustain Defence, including sustainable rolling refresh programmes.
- Implementing Responding to the Climate Crisis.

Key achievements for this quarter

Setting the direction for Defence

- Defence Policy Review Terms of Reference approved by ERS on 7 June, Cabinet on 13 June, inaugurating the Review process which will reset policy and, potentially, capability settings.

Successful delivery and introduction into service of \$5.6 billion of new Defence projects

- The first hangar roof for the P-8A Poseidon build at Ohakea Airforce Base was completed in May. The second hangar roof was raised on 26 July. The first aircraft completed assembly in Seattle.

Successfully develop, refresh and sustain capabilities to support a combat capable Defence Force

- As previously reported regeneration of capability is under way following the NZDF withdrawals from Operation PROTECT.

Foster greater supplier diversity

- Areas of growth have been identified and Defence is engaged with Amotai on how these might be developed.

Work with New Zealand Trade and Enterprise and Australian counterparts to reduce barriers for New Zealand companies looking to compete for contracts in Australia

- Joint New Zealand and Australian Heads of Procurement presentation at the Indo Pacific Maritime Exposition in Sydney in May. The presentation provided a platform to reinforce New Zealand businesses status in Australia as 'local content'.

Develop and include through life sustainment processes into the Defence Capability Management System

- Implementation of the Document Hierarchy will focus on the development of capability management plans for key capabilities in delivery throughout 2022.

Expected milestones for next quarter

- Appointment of the Ministerial Advisory Panel to support the Defence Policy Review.

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The withdrawal from Operation PROTECT will see the NZDF post deployment reconstitution including stand down, leave, individual readiness and other post deployment activities and the start of regeneration activities.

- NZDF Commercial Portfolio Managers are engaging with Portfolio Business owners to understand and actively create opportunities for greater involvement of Maori businesses and other broader social outcomes
- The NZDF is initiating supplier reporting processes through a software platform (CRAFT) in FY22/23 Q1 to enable supply chain and procurement professionals to discover, evaluate, and monitor suppliers against this measure.

- A number of Australian-based Prime suppliers are visiting Aotearoa in July – September 2022. Depending on level, meetings have been scheduled with the Minister of Defence and/or senior officials. Briefing has been standardised to reinforce messages around the importance of building regional capability and resilience in the Australia-New Zealand supply chain and the special status of Aotearoa businesses as local content in the Australian Defence market

- The Capability Management Board approved the Capability Definition Document (CDD) Framework, including the CDD hierarchy. Implementation is underway. Phase 1 has focused on training and the development of eight Capability Management Plans.

Accurately measure Defence's carbon footprint and consider appropriate future reduction targets

- The MoD completed verification of its 2019/20 and 2020/21 carbon emissions and agreed a plan to meet emissions reductions targets, both of which are requirements under the Carbon Neutral Government Programme (CNGP).
- The NZDF has progressed its carbon verifications for 2018/17 through to 2021/22 (some still underway) in preparation for meeting the CNGP requirements and the NZDF's climate change maturation.
- The MoD will complete verification of its 2021/22 carbon emissions and finalise the disclosure of its emissions, reduction plans, and commentary in its Annual Report. This is the first time the MoD will disclose its carbon emissions in its Annual Report, which is also a requirement under the CNGP.
- The NZDF will have completed all six years of carbon verification and generated learnings for refinement of future verifications. Data will be reported in the Annual Report to meet CNGP requirements. In the most recent CNGP all agencies report, NZDF is confirmed as achieving progress that 'meets expectations'.
- The NZDF will continue developing its first emissions reduction plan, to support the requirement of the CNGP to develop a plan by December 2022.

Undertake climate change risk assessments for each NZDF camp, base and training area

- First-pass risk assessment progressing.
- The NZDF and MoD have engaged with the Ministry for the Environment and Te Waihanga to finalise the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) text and actions. The NZDF was identified as the infrastructure owner for its camps, bases, training areas, airfields and ports and has a duty to manage the climate risks associated with those assets. The NZDF is also identified to have a responsibility for building and maintaining strong communities that are resilient in the face of climate change.
- Completion of first-pass risk assessment to inform commencement of the NZDF's adaptation planning and risk management (timeline TBC).

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE BRIEF - UKRAINE DEFENSE CONTACT GROUP

0000 – 0400 Thursday 21 July 2022

Context

New Zealand has been invited by the United States (host) to attend this meeting. Secretary Austin and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Mark Milley are organising this event to sustain the momentum from the previous meetings, and continue providing Ukraine with the capabilities it requires to meet its security assistance needs. [REDACTED] s9(2)(g)(i)

The New Zealand Ambassador to Belgium and NATO Military Representative attended the previous in-person meeting hosted in Brussels on 15 June. A formal message on this meeting is attached to this brief at Annex A.

A summary of New Zealand's contributions to support Ukraine is attached at Annex B.

Attendees:

Assistant Chief, Strategic Commitments and Engagements Air Commodore Darryn Webb (Wellington)

Military Secretary, [REDACTED] s9(2)(g)(i) (Whangārei)

Intermediate Analyst, [REDACTED] s9(2)(g)(i) (Wellington)

Agenda

Opening Remarks: 0000 NZT

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Concluding remarks: 0350 NZT

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Annex A: Report of the third meeting of the Ukraine Defense Contact Group

RĀPOPOTO – SUMMARY

The third meeting of the US-sponsored Ukraine Defence Contact Group featured several assessments of the conflict [REDACTED] s6(a)

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PŪRONGO – REPORT

We (HOM, NATO MilRep, First Secretary Political, MA to NATO MilRep) attended the third meeting of the US-led Ukraine Defence Contact Group at NATO headquarters in Brussels on 15 June. Led by US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin, the meeting was attended by Defence Ministers and other representatives from 45 countries¹¹ as well as NATO and the EU ahead of the NATO Defence Ministers' meeting on 16 and 17 June.

2 The group aims to coordinate aid to Ukraine to support its self-defence. The purpose of this particular meeting was to identify and examine the next steps needed to support Ukraine's self-defence. Secretary Austin's public opening remarks are [here](#).

Update on battlefield conditions – [REDACTED] s6(a)

3 Noting that it was now 112 days since Russia's "full scale" invasion began, Ukraine's Defence Minister Oleksii Reznikov implored the meeting to provide short-term help now –

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Eight weeks since Russia began its offensive in Donbas, it had become a battle of attrition (with World War I levels of attrition).

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What Ukraine needs [Redacted] s6(a)

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10 Minister Reznikvo outlined some of the developments in supplying weapons to Ukraine since the last meeting of the Contact Group in May. [Redacted] s6(a)

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[REDACTED] s6(a) [REDACTED] Ukrainian grain and oil are stuck in its Black Sea ports causing problems for global food security. Export of these products required freedom of navigation in the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov for which it was necessary to increase the capability of the Ukrainian navy, [REDACTED] s6(a) [REDACTED]
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21 s6(a) Ukraine's partners have contributed generously, quickly and at scale. Neighbouring countries in particular (along with the US and UK) have contributed especially generously, notwithstanding their own defence needs on NATO's eastern flank. s6(a)

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Annex B: Summary of Ukraine Contributions

The Prime Minister's office has approved the development of a Cabinet paper to respond to an invitation from the British Armed Forces to contribute to an infantry training programme of Battlefield Casualty Replacements for the Armed Forces of Ukraine (AFU). While officials are still drafting the paper, it will propose the immediate deployment to the United Kingdom of §

§ to 30 November. Officials are working with Ministerial offices to identify a suitable Cabinet committee for Ministers to consider the proposal.

Date	Topic	Announcement	Value of assistance NZ\$ million			Status
			Military	Economic	Diplomatic	
	Total	41.31	29.695	8.000	3.615	
27 June	Diplomatic	Contribution of \$1 million to the International Criminal Court and announce New Zealand's intention to intervene in the ICJ case against Russia			1.0	In the process of being transferred.
27 June	Diplomatic	Secondment of a senior NZ military officer to support the International Criminal Court Investigations			0.800	Scoping exercise is underway.
27 June	Military	Deploying an additional liaison officer to §(F) for two months	0.052			Deployment is under way.
27 June	Military	Extending the deployment of two NZDF liaison officers to Belgium and the UK to 30 November	0.209			Deployment is under way.
27 June	Military	Extending the deployment of four NZDF logistics specialists in Germany to 31 August	0.753			Deployment is under way.
27 June	Military	A further six NZDF §(F) intelligence analysts deployed to the UK to 30 November	0.568			Deployment is under way.
27 June	Military	Extending the deployment of six NZDF intelligence analysts to the UK and the use of NZ based open-source intelligence capability to 30 November	0.571			Deployment is under way.
27 June	Military	\$4.5 million to the NATO Trust Fund for non-lethal military assistance	4.5			Funds in the process of being transferred
23 May	Military	Artillery Training team, surplus	1.205			Training has been completed and all personnel have returned to NZ.

Date	Topic	Announcement	Value of assistance NZ\$ million			Status
			Military	Economic	Diplomatic	
		equipment and training ammunition.				
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 ██████████ (SDF) ██████████. The aircraft has flown 132 flying hours and transported 182,000kg of stores and 75 passengers. ¹ The aircraft and supporting crew have now returned to New Zealand.
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	\$7.6 million to contribute to weapons and ammunition procurement via the United Kingdom.	7.500			Paid to UK MoD, and purchase of materiel (██████████) confirmed with the UK.
11 Apr	Military	\$4.1 million to support commercial satellite access for the Ukrainian Defence Intelligence.	4.120			Paid.
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	Finalising terms of engagement with external legal counsel for NZ intervention in Ukraine ICJ case.
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 ██████████ and provided a meaningful contribution to the analytical output and resilience of ██████████ 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.

¹ As at 24 May 2022.

Date	Topic	Announcement	Value of assistance NZ\$ million			Status
			Military	Economic	Diplomatic	
26 Mar	Diplomatic	\$316,000 to help the International Criminal Court's urgent resource needs.			0.315	Grant letters agreed with ICC. Payment will be made on receipt of signed response letter from ICC.
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. TAIT radios 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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AIDE MEMOIRE: NOTIFICATION OF OPERATION CRUCIBLE TRANSIT OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA IN OCTOBER 2022

Decision sought: what am I being asked for?

Advise Cabinet in advance of New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) plans to conduct Operation CRUCIBLE, a transit of the South China Sea. [CAB-21-Min-0292 refers].

Key messages:

1. The NZDF's HMNZS AOTEAROA will conduct an independent transit in the South China Sea (Op CRUCIBLE) between 4-21 October 2022.
2. HMNZS AOTEAROA's transit of the South China Sea en route to Republic of Korea and Japan before returning to New Zealand accomplishes three key tasks:
 - Demonstrate New Zealand's **support for the principles of freedom of navigation and overflight** in accordance with international law, particularly the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS);
 - Contribute to **NZDF personnel training** and building situational awareness of developments in the region; and
 - Provide opportunities for **engagement with regional partners**, including a port visit to Kota Kinabalu in Malaysia.
3. Op CRUCIBLE is consistent with New Zealand's updated policy position on the South China Sea which included a recommendation for a **regular defence presence** in South East Asia, and a broader range of activities in the South China Sea in **support of New Zealand's interests**.
4. **The overall risk of the deployment is assessed as s6(a) Standard measures are in place to manage risk and not unduly escalate tensions.**

How often do we conduct Op CRUCIBLE?

- Op CRUCIBLE is the name given to Royal New Zealand Navy activities in the Asia Pacific Region. The aim of these operations is to facilitate the generation of Naval Force Elements and support New Zealand's interests by maintaining NZDF presence and engagement in the wider Asia region. In 2021, the NZDF conducted one Op CRUCIBLE in conjunction with the UK Carrier Strike Group and participation in the Five Power Defence Arrangements 50th Anniversary Exercise, Exercise Bersama Gold.
- This is the second and final Op CRUCIBLE of 2022, which follows on from the August 2022 transit of the South China Sea by HMNZS AOTEAROA en route to Singapore for a hull survey following RIMPAC.

Why now and why this route?

- It is planned for HMNZS AOTEAROA to depart Singapore in early October upon completion of its hull survey.
- HMNZS AOTEAROA will take the opportunity while in Asia to go to Republic of Korea and Japan via the South China Sea to undertake planned engagements. Transiting the South China Sea is the most expeditious route from Singapore.

What are the risks?

- The overall risk of the deployment is assessed as s6(a)
 - Op CRUCIBLE will see HMNZS AOTEAROA undertake a standard transit route from Singapore utilising commercial shipping lanes.

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particularly as HMNZS AOTEAROA is a fleet tanker with the role of providing

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How will risks be mitigated?

- Measures are in place to manage risk and support the NZDF's routine presence in the South China Sea without unduly escalating regional tensions:
 - HMNZS AOTEAROA will observe a conservative distance from all claimed territories in the region.

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Will the HMNZS AOTEAROA go through the Taiwan Strait en route to North Asia?

- No, the HMNZS AOTEAROA will not go through the Taiwan Strait.
- Geographically, this transit are a significant distance away from the Taiwan Strait where there are heightened tensions.

Media points - if raised

Reactive media talking points

There will not be a proactive media release issued on the HMNZS AOTEROA's transit of South China Sea as this is a routine transit using commercial shipping lanes from South East Asia to the Republic of Korea and Japan. We have prepared the following media lines for use if asked about HMNZS AOTEROA's Op CRUCIBLE:

- In October 2022, HMNZS AOTEROA undertook a routine transit in South East Asia, a training environment that provides high-density maritime traffic and prepares the ship's crew for operations over busier regions. More significantly though is that the South China Sea is a major shipping route and the most expedient track from South East to North East Asia.
- NZDF's fleet tanker, HMNZS AOTEROA, transited the South China Sea en route to North Asia for defence engagements with Republic of Korea and Japan following a scheduled hull survey in Singapore.
- Transits by NZDF vessels through the South China Sea have occurred frequently for decades due to it being a major global shipping route and a critical path for ongoing engagement in South East Asia in support of our partners in the region. These transits demonstrate our continued interest in and commitment to the region.
- HMNZS AOTEROA's transit of the South China Sea was conducted in accordance with international law at all times, particularly the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).
- New Zealand continues to act in support of the maintenance of the rules based international system, demonstrating support for the unrestricted freedom of navigation and overflight through international waters as guaranteed in UNCLOS.



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Submission to the Minister of Defence

INCOMING VISITS OF FOREIGN DEFENCE LEADERSHIP TO NEW ZEALAND

MoD ref: 069-2022

NZDF tracking: 2022-193

Type of submission: Routine

For action by: 1 August 2022

Purpose:

This submission informs you of upcoming foreign senior defence leadership visits where a Ministerial meeting has been sought and recommends a criteria to assess requests against. This submission also advises you of a large number of expected visits to New Zealand by key leaders from the United States.

Recommended actions:

- a) **Note** that there is considerable interest from foreign defence key leaders to visit New Zealand in late-2022, especially the United States. Yes / No
- b) **Note** that officials will continue to inform you of incoming visits by foreign defence key leaders once plans have been finalised. Yes / No
- c) Yes / No
- d) Yes / No
- e) Yes / No

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19 July 2022

Minister of Defence

INCOMING VISITS OF FOREIGN DEFENCE LEADERSHIP TO NEW ZEALAND

Purpose

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Increasing Number of Incoming Visits

2. As a result of New Zealand's borders reopening, there are a number of foreign key leaders wanting to visit New Zealand in the coming months. The first of these visits are scheduled for late July to early August 2022, following the Indo-Pacific Chiefs of Defence meeting in Sydney. Preparations for these visits are now underway.

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6. Confirmed upcoming visits to New Zealand which fit above criteria include:
 - a. Chief of Defence Staff Tonga – 29 July to 5/6 August;
 - b. Commander United States Indo-Pacific Command (INDOPACOM) – 30 July to 1 August; and
 - c. Commander of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces – 20 to 23 September.

Incoming Visits by US Defence Leadership

7. There are also a considerable number of US defence key leaders interested in visiting New Zealand in 2022, which is anticipated to continue into 2023.

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8. In addition to meeting yourself, we anticipate that they will want to call on the Minister of Foreign Affairs and, in some cases, the Prime Minister.

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Next Steps

11. Defence officials will continue to keep your office informed of upcoming visits by senior foreign defence leaders where a Minister-level meeting has been sought.

Recommendations

12. It is recommended that you:
 - a. **Note** that there is considerable interest from foreign defence key leaders to visit New Zealand in late 2022, especially the United States.
 - b. **Note** that officials will continue to inform you of incoming visits by foreign defence key leaders once plans have been finalised.

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