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To accompany documents to the
Minister of Defence

Title:	DEPLOYMENT OF ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL TO TAJI MILITARY COMPLEX, IRAQ		
NZDF File No.	NZDF Tracking # 2018-113 (For OCDF Use Only)	Minister's Tracking#: (For Minister's office)	
Importance of the Issue:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Routine
Urgency for Attention/Sign-Off:	NOT URGENT	Request Ministerial response by: Not required.	
Contacts:	s6(a)		
Purpose:	To inform you of an increase to the number of personnel deployed to Taji Military Complex as part of the MANAWA VII rotation of the Building Partner Capacity mission.		
Recommendations:	<p>I recommend that you:</p> <p>a. Note that the Building Partner Capacity mission has been largely undertaken by New Zealand Army personnel to date, but an opportunity has been identified to include specific trade personnel from the Royal New Zealand Air Force in any potential future rotation;</p> <p>b. Note that s6(a) Royal New Zealand Air Force personnel will deploy as additional personnel to the 106 for the MANAWA VII rotation, so as not to compromise the established contingent makeup; and</p> <p>c. Note that the total number of personnel deployed will not exceed the mandated figure of 143, and the additional s6(a) Royal New Zealand Air Force personnel will be funded from within existing baselines.</p>		
MOD/NZDF Consultation	Required/ Not required (provide reasons):		
Minister's comments:			
Minister's Action:	Signed / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noted / Agreed / Approved / Declined / Discussion required		
	Referred to:		
Signature:	[Redacted Signature]		Date: 8/4/18

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Minister of Defence

DEPLOYMENT OF ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL TO TAJI MILITARY COMPLEX, IRAQ

Purpose

1. To inform you of an increase to the number of personnel deployed to Taji Military Complex (TMC) as part of the MANAWA VII rotation of the Building Partner Capacity (BPC) mission.

Situation

2. The next rotation of New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) personnel to the BPC mission (MANAWA VII) is scheduled to commence activities at TMC from 17 May 2018 and remain in theatre until termination of the current mandate at the end of November 2018. To date, the contingent personnel have been largely drawn from the New Zealand Army, noting the land-centric nature of the training and support being provided through the mission. However, as part of prudent planning for any NZDF contribution to the BPC mission post-November 2018, should Cabinet choose to establish a new mandate, we have identified an opportunity for the inclusion of specific trade personnel from the Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) into the contingent composition.

3. As the RNZAF has not had a direct role in the mission to date, the inclusion of RNZAF personnel on MANAWA VII allows NZDF to confirm the intended roles the RNZAF personnel are considered suitable to undertake, whilst gaining first-hand knowledge and experience of this particular operational environment without compromising the established contingent makeup.

4. In order to achieve this, s6(a) RNZAF personnel will deploy with the MANAWA VII rotation, in addition to the planned contingent total of 106 personnel¹ s6(a)

¹ The potential exists for some or all of the RNZAF personnel to be subsumed into established contingent positions (replacing New Zealand Army personnel through illness or injury), as they complete pre-deployment training and preparations.

Mandate

5. On 23 February 2015, Cabinet agreed that up to 143 personnel could be deployed to the joint Australia-New Zealand BPC mission in Taji and supporting coalition headquarters in the region [CAB Min (15) 5/8 refers]. The overall number of personnel deployed would remain below 143, with s6(a) additional personnel covered within the operational contingency pool (approved s6(a)) and funded from within existing baselines.

Recommendations

6. I recommend that you:

- a. **Note** that the Building Partner Capacity mission has been largely undertaken by New Zealand Army personnel to date, but an opportunity has been identified to include specific trade personnel from the Royal New Zealand Air Force in any potential future rotation;
- b. **Note** that s6(a) Royal New Zealand Air Force personnel will deploy as additional personnel to the 106 for the MANAWA VII rotation, so as not to compromise the established contingent makeup; and
- c. **Note** that the total number of personnel deployed will not exceed the mandated figure of 143, and the additional s6(a) Royal New Zealand Air Force personnel will be funded from within existing baselines.



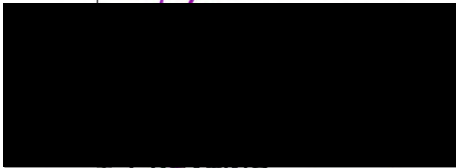
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Title:	INTENDED DEPLOYMENT OF ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL TO TAJI MILITARY COMPLEX, IRAQ		
NZDF File No: 3130/DSC/WETA	NZDF Tracking #: (For OCDF Use Only)	179/18	Minister's Tracking#: (For Minister's Office)
Importance of the Issue:	High	Moderate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Routine
Request Ministerial response by:	N/A		
Contact:	s6(a)		
<p>1. In April I informed you of the intention to deploy s6(a) additional RNZAF personnel to the Building Partner Capacity mission in Iraq as part of the MANAWA VII rotation [NZDF 2018-113 refers]. Following consultation with DPMC there will now be no increase in personnel numbers for the MANAWA VII rotation.</p> <p>Recommendation</p> <p>2. It is recommended that you:</p> <p>a. Note that there will be no increase in personnel numbers for the MANAWA VII rotation to the Building Partner Capacity mission.</p>			
Minister's Comments:			
Minister's Action:	Signed / Noted / Agreed / Approved / Declined / Discussion Required		
	Referred to:		
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Submission to the Minister of Defence:

Urgent request for the deployment of one New Zealand Defence Force Nursing Officer to Taji, Iraq

MoD ref:

NZDF tracking:

Type of submission:	Urgent	Distributed by (office):	Defence
Addressed to:	Minister of Defence	For approval by:	8 May 2018
For referral to:	Minister of Foreign Affairs	For concurrence by:	8 May 2018
For referral to:	Prime Minister	For concurrence by:	8 May 2018
Purpose:	This submission seeks urgent approval to increase the New Zealand Defence Force personnel deployed to Taji, Iraq, by one to 109 for six to eight weeks to cover a critical gap in the Task Group Taji medical capability [redacted] s6(a)		

Recommended actions:

- a) **note** that Australia provides the majority of our shared medical capability at Taji; Yes / No
- b) [redacted] s6(b)(i) Yes / No
- c) [redacted] s6(a) Yes / No
- d) **note** that NZDF has an appropriate Nursing Officer, with a current Iraq visa, in Australia supporting the pre-deployment training for the Manawa VII rotation. This Nursing Officer could deploy with the Manawa VII contingent on 8 May; Yes / No
- e) **note** that in February 2015 Cabinet authorised the Minister of Defence, in consultation with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, to make adjustments to the deployment in response to operational requirements, provided that these adjustments do not significantly change numbers, the cost or the intent of the mission [CAB Min (15) 5/8 refers]; Yes / No
- f) **note** that separately we will be providing further advice to Ministers in the coming days seeking your guidance on the current deployment of two personnel to Taji that were deployed under a CDF approval, which has been the previous practice, but may in fact need to also fall under the same delegation to the Minister of Defence; Yes / No
- g) **approve** the increase of NZDF personnel numbers deployed to Taji by one for a period of up to eight weeks from 8 May until 4 July 2018; Yes / No
- h) **refer** to the Minister of Foreign Affairs for concurrence; Yes / No
- i) **refer** to the Prime Minister for concurrence. Yes / No

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

Date:

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HELENE QUILTER
Secretary of Defence
Date:

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MOD contact:		Ph:		A/H:	
Agencies involved:	MOD, NZDF, MFAT (consulted), DPMC – Policy Advisory Group (consulted)				

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NZDF 3130/DSC/WETA

7 May 2018

Minister of Defence

URGENT REQUEST FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF ONE NEW ZEALAND DEFENCE FORCE NURSING OFFICER TO TAJI, IRAQ

Purpose

1. This submission seeks urgent approval to increase the New Zealand Defence Force personnel deployed to Taji, Iraq, by one to 109 for six to eight weeks to cover a critical gap in the Task Group Taji medical capability [REDACTED] s6(b)(i)

Background

2. On 2 May 2018 the NZDF received an urgent request [REDACTED] s6(b)(i) to deploy a Nursing Officer with the Manawa VII rotation, which is currently in Australia on pre-deployment training. Australia has provided the majority of the medical capability for Task Group Taji since its inception in 2015 and in recent months the Singaporean Defence Force has also contributed personnel. Following a [REDACTED] s6(b)(i)

[REDACTED] means there is now a critical capability gap in the medical facilities at Taji.

3. [REDACTED] s6(b)(i) has requested that the NZDF temporarily deploy one Nursing Officer to Taji to help address this critical capability gap. The NZDF [REDACTED] s6(b)(i) have identified a NZDF Nursing Officer currently supporting the Manawa VII pre-deployment training in Australia who is suitably qualified, has a current Iraqi visa, and is able to deploy with the Manawa VII rotation on 8 May.

4. The Taji deployment is currently fully staffed with 106 personnel in Taji [REDACTED] s6(a)

5. In February 2015 the previous Cabinet approved the deployment of 106 personnel to Taji and [REDACTED] s6(b) personnel to Coalition headquarters and support locations in the region. Officials' intent at the time, as reflected in the text of the Cabinet paper, was

that an operational contingency of [redacted s6(a)] (part of [redacted s6(a)]) would apply across the whole operation, including to the 106 personnel mandated for Taji. This operational contingency was intended to be used by CDF to authorise deployments meaning in excess of 106 personnel could be deployed to Taji.

6. Officials will be providing advice to ministers in coming days to seek guidance on how ministers wish to take decisions around the deployment of personnel to meet operational contingencies, as a result of the inconsistencies between the intent set out in the body of the original Cabinet Paper and the decision as recorded in the Cabinet Minute [CAB Min (15) 5/8].

7. Given the inconsistency, officials propose in this instance, and ahead of the further advice, to use the delegation in the February 2015 decision, which authorised the Minister of Defence, in consultation with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, to make adjustments to the deployment in response to operational requirements, provided that these adjustments do not significantly change numbers, the cost or the intent of the mission [CAB Min (15) 5/8 refers].

Comment

8. The deployment of the NZDF Nursing Officer to Taji [redacted s6(a)] would fill a critical capability gap that also affects New Zealand personnel. While the February 2015 Cabinet Paper sought to give CDF delegated authority to make changes to the deployment within an operational contingency of [redacted s6(a)] as noted above, the Cabinet mandate has not been structured in such a way as to permit this.

9. Separately, currently there are [redacted s6(a)] deployed to Taji in excess of the 106 personnel approved in February 2015 by Cabinet. These personnel were deployed under what was assessed at the time to be CDF's mandate to use [redacted s6(a)] operational contingency.

Threat Assessment

10. The unmitigated operational threat to New Zealand Defence Force personnel and platforms deployed to Taji Military Complex is HIGH.

Consultation

11. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (Policy Advisory Group) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade have been consulted and support this submission.

Financial Implications

12. The cost of deploying a NZDF Nursing officer will be absorbed within the costs of the BPC mission to Taji. No additional funding is required for this deployment.

Next steps

13. Should this proposed deployment be approved, a formal response [redacted s6(b)(i)] by the NZDF and the Nursing Officer will deploy to Iraq with the Manawa VII contingent on 8 May.

Recommendations

14. It is recommended that you:

a) **note** that Australia provides the majority of our shared medical capability at Taji;

b) [REDACTED] s6(a)

c) [REDACTED] s6(a)

d) **note** that NZDF has an appropriate Nursing Officer, with a current Iraq visa, in Australia supporting the pre-deployment training for the Manawa VII rotation. This Nursing Officer could deploy with the Manawa VII contingent on 8 May;

e) **note** that in February 2015 Cabinet authorised the Minister of Defence, in consultation with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, to make adjustments to the deployment in response to operational requirements, provided that these adjustments do not significantly change numbers, the cost or the intent of the mission [CAB Min (15) 5/8 refers];

f) **note** that separately we will be providing further advice to Ministers in the coming days seeking your guidance on the current deployment of two personnel to Taji that were deployed under a CDF approval, which has been the previous practice, but may in fact need to also fall under the same delegation to the Minister of Defence;

g) **approve** the increase of NZDF personnel numbers deployed to Taji by one for a period of up to eight weeks from 8 May until 4 July 2018;

h) **refer** this submission to the Minister of Foreign Affairs for concurrence;

i) **refer** this submission to the Prime Minister for concurrence.

T.J. KEATING

Lieutenant General
Chief of Defence Force
Date:

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Secretary of Defence
Date:



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To accompany documents to the
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Title:	EXPANSION OF TASK GROUP TAJI QUICK REACTION FORCE RESPONSIBILITIES		
NZDF File No.	NZDF Tracking # 2018-254 <i>(For OCDF Use Only)</i>		Minister's Tracking#: <i>(For Minister's office)</i>
Importance of the Issue:	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Routine
Urgency for Attention/Sign-Off:	NOT URGENT		Request Ministerial response by: Not required.
Contacts:	Wg Cdr [redacted] s6(a)	Tel: [redacted] s6(a)	A/H: [redacted] s6(a)
Purpose:	To inform you of a change in the Quick Reaction Force responsibilities for the Combined Australia and New Zealand Building Partner Capacity mission in Iraq. The Building Partner Capacity mission is collectively referred to as Task Group Taji.		
Recommendations:	<p>I recommend that you:</p> <p>a. Note that since deploying in 2015, Task Group Taji has maintained Quick Reaction Force responsibilities to respond to security and medical incidents that affect the Building Partner Capacity mission [redacted] s6(a)</p> <p>b. [redacted] s6(a)</p> <p>c. Note that the expansion of Task Group Taji's Quick Reaction Force responsibilities [redacted] s6(a) is consistent with the current mandate for the Building Partner Capacity mission, and is not expected to impact upon the training throughout of Task Group Taji.</p> <p>d. Note that, [redacted] s6(a) Task Group Taji has assumed full Quick Reaction Force responsibilities for [redacted] s6(a) within the Taji Military Complex.</p>		
MOD/NZDF Consultation	Required/ Not required (provide reasons):		
Minister's comments:			
Minister's Action:	Signed / Noted / Agreed / Approved / Declined / Discussion required		
	Referred to:		
Signature:	Date:		

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NTM 2018-254

26 June 2018

Minister of Defence

EXPANSION OF TASK GROUP TAJI QUICK REACTION FORCE RESPONSIBILITIES

Purpose

1. The purpose of this note is to inform you of a change in the Quick Reaction Force responsibilities for the Combined Australia and New Zealand Building Partner Capacity mission in Iraq. The Building Partner Capacity mission is collectively referred to as Task Group Taji.

Situation

2. Since deploying in 2015, Task Group Taji has maintained a dedicated Quick Reaction Force, which is a force protection measure that responds to security or medical incidents that affect the Building Partner Capacity mission inside the wire at Taji Military Complex.

s6(a), s6(b)(i)

4. In late 2017, Headquarters Combined Joint Force Land Component Command in Baghdad (the Coalition Headquarters) requested Australian and New Zealand assistance in providing Quick Reaction Force cover

s6(a), s6(b)(i)

5. Analysis by the New Zealand Defence Force has confirmed that the expansion of Task Group Taji's Quick Reaction Force responsibilities to include the Green Zone is consistent with the current mandate for the Building Partner Capacity Mission, and is not expected to impact upon the training throughput of Task Group Taji.

6.

s6(a), s6(b)(i)

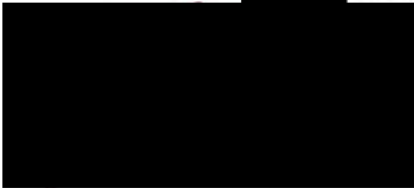
Task Group Taji assumed full Quick Reaction

Force responsibilities for both the Green and Amber Zones at Taji Military Complex. This expanded role is expected to continue until further notice.

Recommendations

7. I recommend that you:

- a. **Note** that since deploying in 2015, Task Group Taji has maintained Quick Reaction Force responsibilities to respond to security and medical incidents that affect the Building Partner Capacity mission [redacted] s6(a)
- b. [redacted] s6(a), s6(b)(i)
- c. **Note** that the expansion of Task Group Taji's Quick Reaction Force responsibilities [redacted] s6(a) is consistent with the current mandate for the Building Partner Capacity mission, and is not expected to impact upon the training throughput of Task Group Taji.
- d. **Note** that, [redacted] s6(a) Task Group Taji has assumed full Quick Reaction Force responsibilities [redacted] s6(a) within the Taji Military Complex.



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Title:	SHORT NOTICE PROVISION OF SUPPORT [REDACTED] s6(a) [REDACTED] AT TAJI MILITARY COMPLEX		
NZDF File No.	NZDF Tracking # 2018-260 (For OCDF Use Only)	Minister's Tracking#: [REDACTED] (For Minister's office)	
Importance of the Issue:	High	Moderate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Routine
Urgency for Attention/Sign-Off:	NOT URGENT	Request Ministerial response by: Not required.	
Contacts:	Lieutenant Commander [REDACTED] s6(a)	Tel: [REDACTED] s6(a)	A/H: [REDACTED] s6(a)
Purpose:	To inform you of the short term movement of a New Zealand Defence Force Movements Operator from the [REDACTED] s6(a) to Taji Military Complex [REDACTED] s6(b)(i)		
Recommendations:	<p>I recommend that you:</p> <p>a. [REDACTED] s6(a), s6(b)(i)</p> <p>b. Note that the Air Mobility Task Group provides logistic support to the combined Australian and New Zealand Building Partner Capacity mission in Iraq.</p> <p>c. Note that the New Zealand Defence Force has [REDACTED] s6(a) Movements Operator positions in the Air Mobility Task Group detachment at [REDACTED] s6(a)</p> <p>d. Note that one New Zealand Defence Force Movements Operator will move [REDACTED] s6(a) to Taji Military Complex [REDACTED] s6(a), s6(b)(i)</p>		
MOD/NZDF Consultation	Not required		
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27 June 2018

Minister of Defence

SHORT NOTICE PROVISION OF SUPPORT [redacted] s6(a)
AT TAJI MILITARY COMPLEX

Purpose

1. The purpose of this note is to inform you of the short term movement of a New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) Movements Operator [redacted] s6(a) to Taji Military Complex [redacted] s6(a), s6(b)(i)

Situation

2. The NZDF has [redacted] s6(a) positions for Movements Operators within the Australian Air Mobility Task Group detachment located [redacted] s6(a) in Iraq. The Air Mobility Task Group has responsibility for providing freight and personnel movement support to [redacted] s6(a) Taji Military Complex, and has a number of Movements Operators located at [redacted] s6(a) Taji Military Complex to support the Combined Australia and New Zealand Building Partner Capacity mission.

[redacted] s6(a), s6(b)(i)

This has resulted in a personnel vacancy at the Air Mobility Task Group detachment at Taji Military Complex, and a short notice request for the NZDF to cover the shortfall for a three-week period. To assist [redacted] s6(a) and enable continued logistic support to the Building Partner Capacity mission, one [redacted] s6(a) NZDF Movements Operators [redacted] s6(a) will be moved to Taji Military Complex to fill the [redacted] s6(a) vacant Movements Operator role [redacted] s6(a)

Recommendations

4. I recommend that you:

a.

[redacted] s6(a), s6(b)(i)

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- b. **Note** that the Air Mobility Task Group provides logistic support to the combined Australian and New Zealand Building Partner Capacity mission in Iraq.
- c. **Note** that the New Zealand Defence Force has ^{s6(a)} Movements Operator positions in the Air Mobility Task Group detachment ^{s6(a)}
[Redacted]
- d. **Note** that one New Zealand Defence Force Movements Operator will move from ^{s6(a)} to Taji Military Complex ^{s6(a), s6(b)(i)}
[Redacted]

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