

This Defence Capability Plan 2019 sets out the planned investments in the New Zealand Defence Force out to 2030 while further identifying potential investments to be made after 2030. Delivering on these investments will provide the Defence Force with the capabilities required to give effect to the Government's policy intentions, outlined in the Strategic Defence Policy Statement 2018.

The planned investments included here maintain the existing \$20 billion programme of capital investment out to 2030, while improving the overall ability of the Defence Force to respond to the strategic environment. Potential investments have been identified to provide for the next generation of changes to the Defence Force, beginning in 2030, that will be explored in detail in the Defence White Paper planned for 2022.

Delivering the *Strategic Defence Policy Statement 2018* and supporting the Pacific Reset



Defence support to the Pacific Reset

The Plan will enhance New Zealand's airlift and sealift capabilities in the 2020s, and grow the size of the New Zealand Army, to better support New Zealand's responses to challenges in the Pacific region.



Addressing the impacts of climate change in the Pacific

The impacts of climate change will form one of the greatest security challenges for Defence in the coming decades. The Plan ensures New Zealand has greater capacity to undertake humanitarian assistance, search and rescue, and disaster relief operations.



Maritime Domain Awareness

New Zealand will face increasingly challenging requirements in coming years to identify, characterise and respond to activity within our expansive maritime domain. The Plan includes the procurement of enhanced maritime awareness capabilities, and improves New Zealand's maritime security.

Equipping the Defence Force: Planned Investments in Capability

Investment intentions out to 2030 are subject to individual business cases justifying the investment, and funding being available through the Budget process, taking into account other Government priorities.

Indicative investments planned for commitment between 2030 and 2035 have been included to allow for considered, long-term planning for the Defence Force's future needs. These capabilities will be reassessed ahead of the 2022 Defence White Paper.



Indicative budgets and introduction into the service dates include:

Maritime Domain



Southern Ocean Patrol Vessel

\$300–\$600 million



Maritime Helicopter Replacement

>\$1 billion 2028



Enhanced Sealift Vessels

>\$1 billion From 2029



Offshore Patrol Vessels Replacement

\$600 million – \$1 billion



Future Surface Combatant Post 2030

Land Domain



Network Enabled Army

\$300–\$600 million From 2019



Garrison and Training Vehicles

\$100–\$300 million From 2022



Mobility \$300–\$600 mill

\$300–\$600 million 2024



Primary Combat Vehicle Replacement

\$300–\$600 million



6000 New Zealand Army personnel by 2035

Air Domain



Navigation and Communication Upgrades

\$100–\$300 million 2022



Tactical Air Mobility

>\$1 billion



Enhanced Maritime Air Surveillance

\$300–\$600 million 2023



Strategic Air Mobility

\$300–\$600 million



Long Range Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

Post 2030

Information Domain



Defence Intelligence Uplift

From 2019



Cyber Capability From 2021



Maritime Satellite Surveillance

2025



High Frequency Radio Network

2026



Wide Band Global Satellite Communications

Post 2030