



Minute of Decision

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Additional Item: International Response to ISIL: Options for New Zealand Contribution

Portfolio: Foreign Affairs

On 3 November 2014, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that the Prime Minister and Minister of Defence have engaged in discussions with their Australian counterparts on options for a possible NZDF contribution to the international response to the Islamic State of Iraq and Levant (ISIL);
- 2 **noted** that discussions focussed on the possibility of an Australian/New Zealand joint 'Building Partner Capacity' option;
- 3 **agreed** to the NZDF deploying, alongside Australia, a scoping team to the Middle East to explore options, gather information on the 'Building Partner Capacity' option – the provision of personnel to train selected Iraqi force elements;
- 4 **noted** that the scoping team will be authorised to visit sites in Iraq; 6(a)
- 5 **noted** that the scoping team will not be permitted to make any commitment regarding any potential NZDF military contribution to the international coalition against ISIL;
- 6 **noted** that the scoping team will provide a report to Ministers on the conclusion of the visit;
- 7 9(2)(j)
- 8 9(2)(g)(i)

Secretary of the Cabinet

Reference: Briefing paper tabled by the Minister of Defence

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