

MINISTERIAL PRIORITIES

Defence Portfolio Priorities	Objectives	Activities
<p>People</p> <p><i>Defence represents and reflects New Zealand.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalise the NZDF Workforce Strategy. Work with the Defence agencies to ensure their people are well-trained and effective. Defence will lift its focus on culture and diversity. Implement the recommendations of the Report of the Government Inquiry into Operation Burnham and related matters. Post-COVID-19 regeneration of Defence Force readiness.
<p>Infrastructure</p> <p><i>Looking after our people and generating military effects.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalise the First Principles Review of the Defence Estate. Support the NZDF to accelerate meeting their healthy homes requirements. Prioritise housing, accommodation and messing projects.
<p>Pacific</p> <p><i>We are in and of the Pacific.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defence supports a secure, stable and resilient Pacific. Pacific regional architecture is strengthened so that it achieves better results for the region: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Pacific Women, Peace and Security initiatives. Engage the Pacific on climate change and security. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Pacific partners in building resilient, capable security systems through presence and partnerships, reporting progress to the External Relations and Security Committee by the end of 2022. Assist Pacific partners to address security challenges to their livelihood, security and well-being, such as climate change and illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing. 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. This could include supporting their vaccine roll-out if required.

