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Visit to Pacific Region

22-28 January 2022

Briefing Pack

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Common Messages

TALKING POINTS

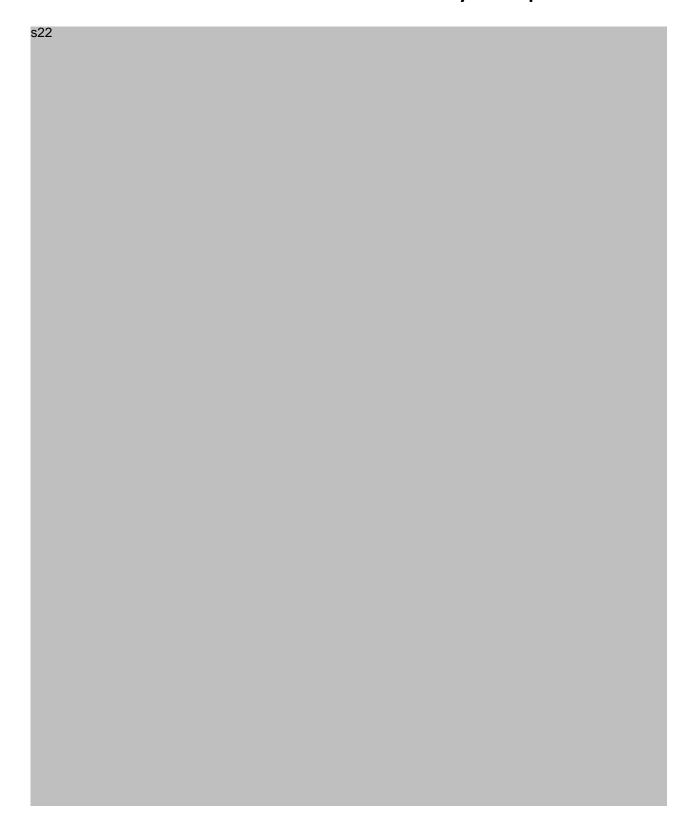
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BACKGROUND

Reciprocal Personnel Exchanges	
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As of 2023, we will host two embedded officers in the A	DF, one iii /iii Brigade
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Senior RFMF embeds in the ADF	
Defence is currently scoping the embed locations	
in 2024. At the CDF-CRFMF meeting on the side	
November, it was agreed that the two RFMF office	
would be the appropriate inaugural senior officer	embeds.
The two officers are Colonel Ben Naliva and s22	
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Defence is currently considering the mechanics of 'deputy commander' in 7th Brigade. DA Fiji is we formalise this arrangement.	
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Chief of Army Talking Points For Tri-lateral Meetings with Commander Republic of Fiji Military Forces (RFMF), Land Forces Commander and Chief of the New Zealand Army – 19 April 2023



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Personnel Exchanges

- People-to-people links continue to be an important part of our defence relationship.
 - We have worked with your staff to identify courses that will assist in rebuilding specialist infantry, engineer and logistic skillsets.
- Defence is formalising an ongoing arrangement for two RFMF members at the 0-4 level to embed into the ADF on an annual basis.
- We also value the reciprocal exchange of embed officers in senior appointments across the ADF.
 - We are looking forward to Colonel Ben Naliva's secondment next year into our 7th Brigade as the Deputy Commander.



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Readiness and Interoperability
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Following the DMM in Oct 22, Defence is scoping embed locations for 2 senior RFMF officers (O-6) in 2024. At the CDF-CRFMF meeting on 9 November, it was agreed the 2 RFMF officers attending DSSC in 2023 would be the appropriate inaugural senior officer embeds.
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DECISION BRIEF FOR CDF:

COMMAND LEVEL SECONDMENTS FOR PAPUA NEW GUINEA, FIJI AND TONGA

Group/Service: SP&I	Reference:	EC23-000696	
For information: VCDF, CN, CA, CAF, CJOPS, DEPSEC SEG, DEPSEC DPG, HMSC	Due date:	7 Apr 2022 Routine	

Purpose

 To est 	ablish ADF secondments for c	ommand level military personnel (O-4 to O-6
level) from \$22	a, Fijis22	under the existing Defence Cooperation
Program (DCP)	Seconded Officers Program.	

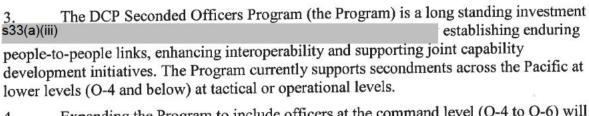
Recom	mendations
2.	That you:
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b.	Agree to establish an additional three ongoing positions for the secondment of command-level army personnel from \$22 Fiji \$22 from 2024.
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d.	Sign the attached letters (Attachments A, B and C) to the s22 Republic of Fiji Military Forces (REME) and

522 offering the positions.

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		a. Agreed / Please discuss
		b. Agreed / Please discuss
		c. Note / Please discuss
		d. Signed / Please discuss
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Pacific and Timor-Leste	e Branch	GEN
Tel: s22		CDF
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Contact Officer: \$22	PNG Desk	Tel: \$22
Clearance Officer: s22	, Director PNG	Tel: \$22

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Key Issues



- 4. Expanding the Program to include officers at the command level (O-4 to O-6) will elevate bilateral cooperation, enhance interoperability between our forces and provide additional professional development pathways for our Pacific family.
- 5. We require your formal direction to the Chief of Army \$22 to make these positions permanent. The secondments will be for a period of one year for rijis22 and will be designed based on current strategic and relationship priorities. The proposed positions are as follows:

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RFMF: Deputy Commander or equivalent position (O-6).

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6. The host units were selected based on their potential to provide relevant on-the-job experience to the officers, and to consolidate their training with practical opportunities in units where they have habitual relationships.

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- 8. International Policy Division will facilitate administrative arrangements in consultation with the relevant host units. All costs will be funded and managed by International Policy Division. Any requests for supplementary funding will be made through the Budget process.
- 9. Defence does not currently have a Security of Information Agreement or Arrangement with \$22 Fiji \$22 for the exchange or reciprocal protection of classified information. The security risks will be managed in accordance with the Defence Security Principles Framework (DSPF).

the secondment arrangements require international rolley Division to complete a Security Risk Assessment (SRA) for consideration and approval by the Chief Security Officer. The SRA for each seconded officer will support their Baseline clearance, foreign release, and IT system access approval from Defence Security Division and CIOG respectively. International Policy Division will prepare the SRA, sponsor the clearances, and

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engage the DSPF Control Owners to prioritise requests for necessary access to Defence facilities and IT systems.

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Consultation

- 12. The following people were consulted on this brief:
 - a. Mr Simon Buckley, Assistant Secretary Security Policy and Services, Defence Security Division.
 - b. Security Division. Director Strategic and International Security Policy, Defence Security Division.
 - c. Security Branch. Deputy Defence Chief Information Security Officer, ICT
 - d. s22 Director International Engagement, Army. Army is providing a noting brief to Chief of Army at the same time as this brief, which aligns with the recommendations of this submission.
 - e. s22 Director International Engagement, Navy.
 - f. s22 Defence Adviser to Papua New Guinea.
 - g. s22 Defence Adviser to Fiji.
 - h. s22 Defence Adviser South Pacific.

Attachments:

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B.	Letter to COM RFMF
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CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE FORCE

EC23-000696

13 April 2023

s47F
Republic of Fiji Military Forces RFMF Headquarters Suva City Central FIJI
Dear s47F
I write to formally offer the Republic of Fiji Military Forces (RFMF) two O-6 level secondment positions within the Australian Defence Force (ADF), as agreed to at the 2022 Australia-Fiji Defence Ministers' Meeting.
Your officers would undertake their secondments as Deputy Commander of the Australian Army's 7 th Brigade, \$22 I propose these positions are offered as two-year secondments, commencing in 2024. However, I understand the RFMF may prefer one-year secondments for both positions on this occasion, and can confirm that the ADF is happy to accommodate this.
The secondments would be established under the existing Defence Cooperation Seconded Officer Program, and would include ADF funded allowances and support for the seconded members. Under this program, seconded officers would build enduring relationships, and acquire knowledge and experience that they will take forward in their military careers.
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My point of contact for this matter is \$22 Fiji. \$22 is available to liaise with you and your staff to finalise the details of the proposed secondments, and can be contacted by email at \$22 or by telephone on \$22
Yours sincerely
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Angus J Campbell, AO, DSC General
Chief of the Defence Force