

The Norwegian Defence Budget 2014 Key priorities for the Government



KEY PRIORITIES FOR THE GOVERNMENT

- A strong and credible NATO as the bedrock for Norwegian security
- Reinforce bi- and multilateral cooperation with allies and partners
- Further accelerate the development of a robust, flexible and modern Norwegian Defence
- Continued focus on the high north
- Increased preparedness for societal security
- Taking the personnel and competency reform further



A real and sustainable balance between ambitions, structure and allocations requires increased budgets together with continued modernisation, reform and rationalisation



GENERAL PRIORITIES IN THE 2014 BUDGET

- Increased operational capability in all services and the Home Guard
- Increased funding of continued modernization, preparedness and support for societal security
- Full commitment to supporting our veterans
- Prepare introduction of compulsory military service for both genders
- Changing our posture in Afghanistan







ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES AND FOCUS AREAS FOR THE GOVERNMENT (1)

Focus on further reform and rationalisation:

- Improved and rationalised management structures
- Smarter solutions and co-operation with commercial actors
- External benchmarking of day-to-day operations in the MOD and subordinate structures
- Simplification of personnel and management systems

Internal re-allocation of resources and rationalization in the Defence Sector 2002–2012





ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES AND FOCUS AREAS FOR THE GOVERNMENT (2)

Conduct a review of the Integrated Strategic Leadership model:

 Particular focus on the role of the Chief of Defence





ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES AND FOCUS AREAS FOR THE GOVERNMENT (3)

Modernise and further develop the personnel categories in the sector:

- Review the Officer Corps and align it better with Allied standards
- Address recruitment and retention challenges in the maritime parts of the defence sector





NEW F-35 COMBAT AIRCRAFT

- Continue the procurement of up to 52 aircraft
- Ensure predictable funding, with a considerable part of the costs covered through an addition to the ordinary budget





CHANGE OF POSTURE IN AFGHANISTAN

- Reduced but continued presence
- Reallocation of funds to other areas of priority within the defence sector







PROPOSED CONCRETE CHANGES TO THE 2014 BUDGET









INCREASED FUNDING TO IMPROVE THE BALANCE AND OUTPUT IN THE CURRENT LONG TERM PLAN



A FIRST STEP TOWARDS THE FURTHER DEVELPOMENT OF A ROBUST, FLEXIBLE AND MODERN NORWEGIAN DEFENCE

- Increased operational activity in the Home Guard Rapid Reaction Units (7 mill. NOK)
- Increased operational activity for the Cost Guard in Northern Norway (13,9 mill. NOK)
- Extra appropriation to secure the permanent national readiness for the Naval Special Forces (8,5 mill. NOK)



TOTAL BUDGET OF 43 BILLION NOK/5,4 BILLION EUR

- 188 million NOK/23,5 million EUR in efficiency gains
- 338 million NOK/42,2 million EUR reallocated through reduced presence in Afghanistan
- Total increase in purchasing power of 526 million NOK/65,8 million EUR
- Still largest per-capita defence budget among European NATO allies
- Defence budget as share of GDP estimated at 1,58 %

