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For Action: Minister for Defence

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Subject: Afghanistan – [REDACTED] Assessment of ANA 4/205 Brigade

Purpose: To provide a Defence perspective on a recent cable [REDACTED] detailing a briefing of the Office of National Assessments (ONA) [REDACTED] on the Afghan National Army (ANA) 4/205 Brigade.

Key Points:

1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]
3. The ONA cable [REDACTED] (Attachment A refers) was discussed at the Secretaries Committee of National Security (SCNS) on 20 September 2012. At SCNS, the National Security Adviser (NSA) requested the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) write to the Prime Minister (PM) updating her [REDACTED] Defence has provided information however not seen the brief.
4. [REDACTED]
5. [REDACTED]
6. [REDACTED]
7. [REDACTED]

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Recommendations:

8. It is recommended that you:

a. note that a cable from the ONA [REDACTED]

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b. [REDACTED]

c. [REDACTED]

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d. note the NSA plans to brief the PM on the cable and that Defence has provided some information although not seen the brief.

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e. [REDACTED]

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Consultation:

9. First Assistant Secretary International Policy Division

Attachments:

A. Cable [REDACTED] Afghanistan: ANA 4th Brigade: [REDACTED] of 14 September 2012

B. [REDACTED]

C. HQ ISAF 4/205 Brigade Assessment

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