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Question:

In Budget Statement 3 (P 3-32) there is an increase in payments from Defence operations.

What is the profile of this?

Is this usually treated as a variation? Or as a measure?

Why were these treated as a variation? Did the Government not make a decision?

Answer:

The profile of the estimates variation is as follows:

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	Total
	(\$m)	(\$m)	(\$m)	(\$m)	(\$m)
Estimates variation for Defence	817.3	64.3	54.7	0.0	936.2
Operations					

[Note: Figures do not add due to rounding]

In the 2017-18 Budget the Government decided the additional funding for the five existing Defence operations should be treated as estimates variations, rather than new measures, as the funding is being provided for the extension of these operations under existing approved policy and planning scenarios.