

10. NEW ZEALAND OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT AID REVIEW

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of a Council submission on the review of New Zealand Overseas Development and Aid (NZODA).

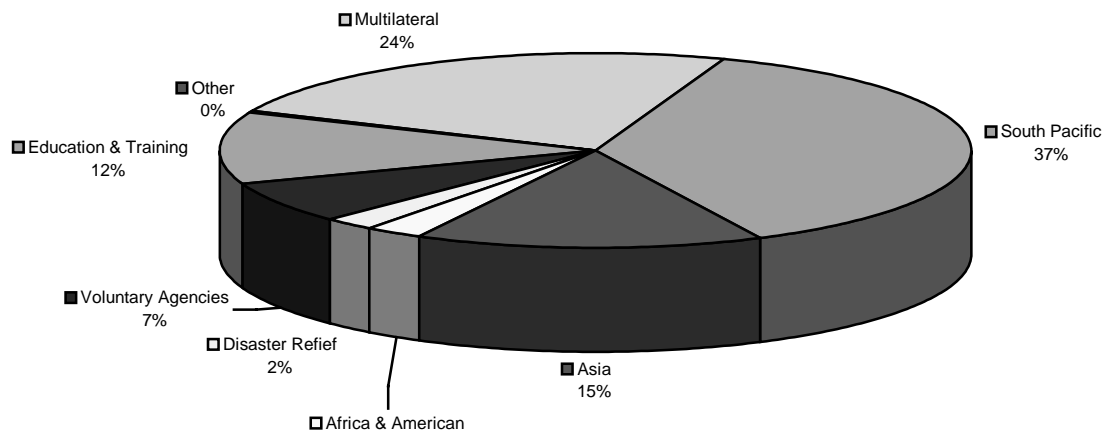
INTRODUCTION

The Associate Minister of Foreign Affairs wrote to the Council requesting a submission on the Review of NZODA. Submissions closed on 9 October 2000.

The Policy Directorate, in consultation with the Committee Chairman, made a provisional submission subject to Council approval (as attached). We now seek endorsement of that submission.

BACKGROUND

New Zealand's Development Assistance Programme is designed to provide assistance to developing countries that enables them to better meet their own economic and social needs. NZODA is funded from two core allocations set by Parliament. It is approximately \$243 million, which represents around .026 percent of GNP.



NZODA is managed by the Development Cooperation Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade in conjunction with New Zealand's diplomatic posts in partner countries.

NZODA concentrates its country and regional support on the Pacific Island states and the developing countries of East and South East Asia. Beyond this, assistance is provided primarily through educational scholarships, private sector linkages, non-governmental organisations, and through contributions to the development and relief efforts of United Nations, Commonwealth and other multilateral organisations

The Council has an interest in the programme principally as an advocate for the people of Christchurch. The Council is developing a relationship (akin to a sister city relationship) with the cities of Inhambane and Maxixe in Mozambique and has brought a Mozambican student to Christchurch for study on a joint venture with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. There are also similarities between overseas developmental work and local community development.

SUBMISSION

Owing to time constraints the Policy Directorate, in consultation with the Committee Chairman, made a provisional submission on behalf of the Council. This submission was made subject to Council endorsement.

Recommendation: That the submission regarding the review of New Zealand Overseas Development and Aid (NZODA) be endorsed.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.