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What new artificial intelligence or machine learning systems, tools, or platforms, if any, have been commissioned, contracted, or deployed by any department or entity for which the Minister is responsible since 27 November 2023, listed by system name, supplier, purpose, contract value, and date of commissioning?

Information about New Zealand Defence Force expenditure on AI and digital automation is provided below.

Description	Vendor/Delivery Partner	Total cost to Jan 2026	Budget	Status
Purchase and use of AI software tools and hardware for staff professional development and testing	PB Tech, Spark, Lamda	\$51,000	\$51,000	Ongoing
Use of Machine Learning (ML) for experimentation. Creation of AI assisted workflows for document sets.	N/A	Nil	N/A	Ongoing
Development of the CAGE challenge to foster experimentation of autonomous cyber defence agents (https://cage-challenge.github.io/cage-challenge-4/)	University of Canterbury	Nil	N/A	Complete
Use of ML for navigation and safety of autonomy systems	AUT	\$55,000	\$145,000	Ongoing
A series of consults between NZDF and Defence Science and Technology scientists to develop a workshop supporting NZDF to consider the implications of advancements in automation, IoT, AI and robotics	N/A	Nil	N/A	Complete
Delivery of Copilot Chat	Microsoft	Nil - included in M365 licensing	N/A	Complete

The Ministry of Defence also has use of Copilot Chat as part of working on the NZDF-provided ICT environment.