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- 1 Motorised brigade (7th Brigade)
- 1 Intelligence/surveillance brigade (6th Brigade)
- 1 Aviation brigade (16th Brigade)
- 1 Logistics brigade (17th Brigade)
- 1 SAS regiment
- 1 Commando regiment
- 59 Abrams tanks
- 257 ASLAV light armoured vehicles
- 766 M113 armoured personnel carriers
- 697 Bushmaster infantry mobility vehicles
- 109 Hamel light artillery guns
- 36 M198 medium artillery guns
- 30 RBS-70 anti-aircraft systems
- 6 Chinook helicopters
- 34 Blackhawk helicopters
- 41 Kiowa helicopters
- 3 King Air 350 aircraft
- 22 Tiger armed reconnaissance helicopters (entering service)
- 23 MRH-90 Multi-role helicopters (entering service)

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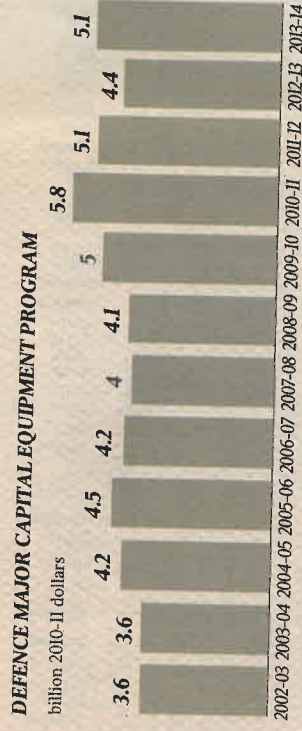
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NEW AIR COMBAT CAPABILITY: Up to 100 F-35 Joint Strike Fighter aircraft will be purchased from the United States at a cost of up to \$16 billion. Approval for the acquisition of the first 14 aircraft was given in late 2009 at a cost of \$3.2 billion with the aim of delivering an initial operational capability in 2018.

NEXT-GENERATION SUBMARINE: The government plans to build 12 next-generation submarines to replace the existing 6 Collins class boats. Although the new vessels will not enter service until well into next decade, design work needs to commence soon if the project is to deliver on schedule.

MARITIME COMBAT HELICOPTERS: Following the cancellation of the \$1.4 billion Super Seasprite helicopter project, the government is planning to

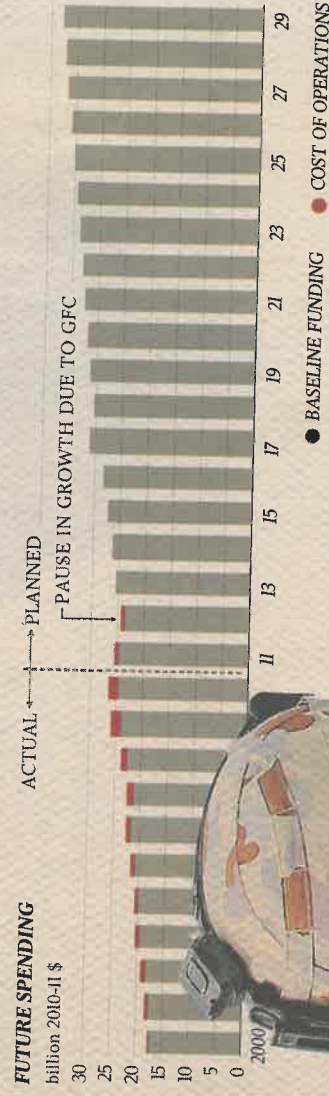
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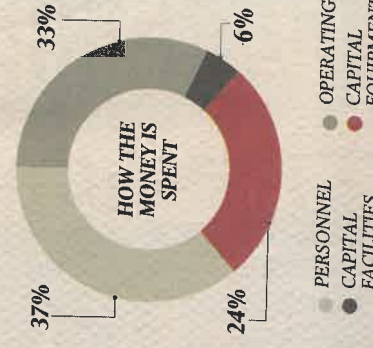
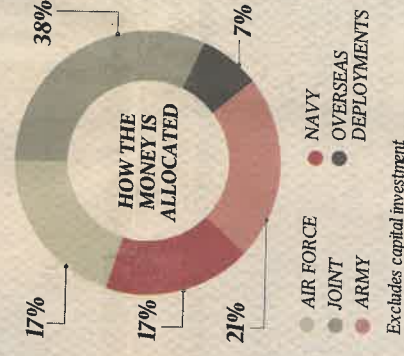
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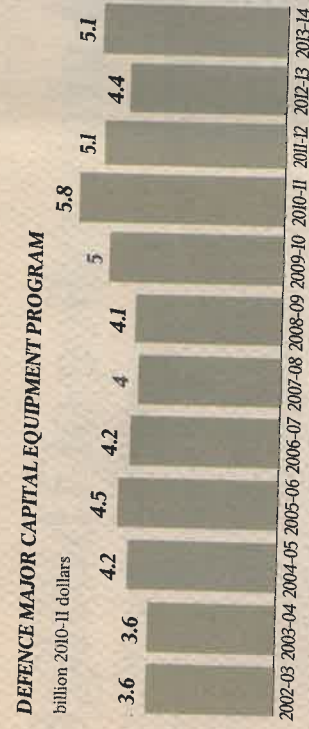
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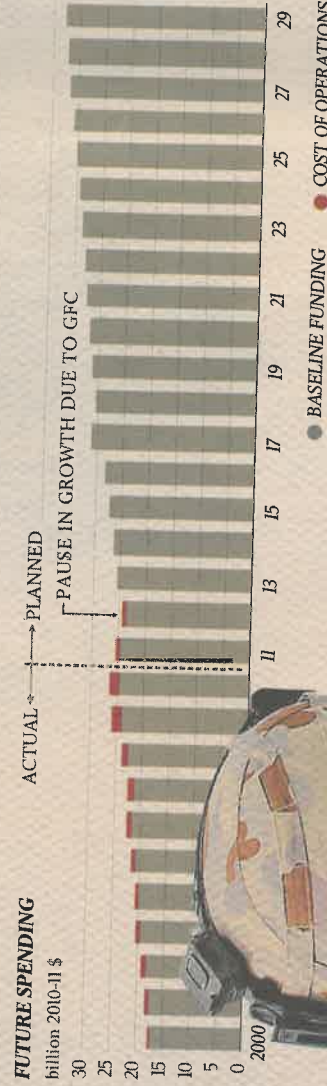
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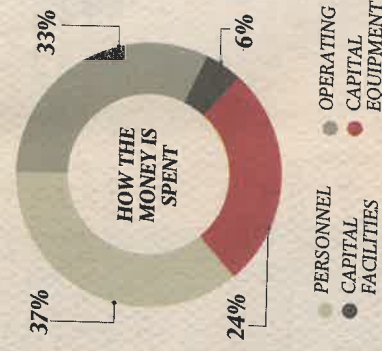
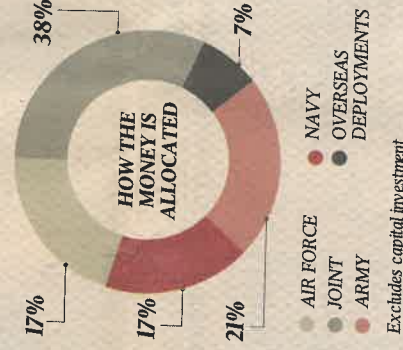
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