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Engagement with Elections Canada

- CSIS met with Elections Canada on 2018 06 12 to discuss information sharing and agreed that EC would proceed with reviewing approved CSIS intelligence products.
- Since that time, Elections Canada regularly attends CSIS HQ to read CSIS analytic products. EC does have storage capability for SECRET level products and will also pick up packages of Secret analytic reporting for their information to be stored in EC facilities. They are not on the CTSN network and therefore the packages must be hand delivered/ picked up.
- IAB [] collects the analytic products (recommended by [] for EC reading sessions or intelligence packages. [] will contact EC to arrange for a reading session or delivery, as needed, which is roughly every 1 – 2 months.
 - In the lead up to, and during the 2019 election, EC reviewed over 55 analytic products related to FI and elections.
- In 2021, IAB's arrangement with EX was as follows:
 - Pre-writ / high-readiness period (circa 2021 06 timeframe): cleared EC personnel visited HQ once per month for verbal briefings on threats to the election. Unclassified calls occurred approx. once per week. Discussions were about EC's readiness and emerging threats to the elections;
 - Writ Period (9 Aug to 21 Sept 2021): a time slot was made available for EC personnel to visit HQ once per week to receive classified verbal briefs; however, EC was not available every week, nor did we necessarily have an update for them each week. Unclass calls took place as a matter of routine once a day, with some exceptions due to pulls from significant events or other interruptions. (Unclass calls typically involved EC providing IAB with updated information on the physical security of polls – there were occasional violent outbursts from protestors and voters at the polls which posed a challenge for EC - this info was either then shared with CTD or with the RCMP (the latter by EC). SITE TF invited EC reps to attend a substantive brief on the threat landscape (online & real world); political party reps were also in attendance. SITE TF reps attended regular DG and ADM level ESCC (Election Security Coordination Cttee) calls before, during and immediately after GE44. ESCC calls were chaired by EC and PCO.
- Since CSIS has taken over the Chair for the SITE TF (2022 11), CSIS is meeting monthly with EC in a bilateral meeting that is pre-scheduled monthly. Intelligence products are provided at this time as are discussions on enhancing the relationship between CSIS and EC.
- At the request of PCO, CSIS was invited to brief ADM EC (with PCO) on 2023 01 17, however, ADM EC was unable to attend; this briefing has not yet been rescheduled.