

For Public Release

PROTECTED BMEMORANDUM FOR THE MINISTER OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AFFAIRS, INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES

c.c.: Janice Charette

**UPDATE ON SECURITY FOR PARLIAMENTARIANS
AND FEDERAL PUBLIC FIGURES**

(For Information Only)

SUMMARY

- Public Safety Canada (PS), the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), and the Integrated Threat Assessment Centre (ITAC) are actively engaged in advancing the implementation of a range of measures, s. 39 - Cabinet Confidence to address threats to public figures and democratic institutions.

Background

- Public figures in Canada, and abroad, are operating in an increasingly threatening environment. Threats, on-line and in person, including criminal behavior towards politicians, senior officials, the judiciary, and journalists are intensifying. Foreign interference and espionage are also increasing, with some foreign states or their proxies aggressively targeting sensitive information or attempting to covertly sway parliamentarians' decisions. The rapidly evolving threat environment undermines Canada's democratic institutions and processes.
- s. 39 - Cabinet Confidence
- Since then, implicated departments – namely, Public Safety Canada (PS), Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), Integrated Threat Assessment Centre (ITAC), and the Privy Council Office (PCO) - have been moving forward across a number of fronts to further enhance protection and security measures.

For Public Release

[APG]

PROTECTED B

Confidence of the King's Privy Council

- A Deputy Minister Parliamentary Security Committee is being established to make recommendations to the Minister of Public Safety (PS) on who should be designated to received protection, to make recommendations to the RCMP on protection and levels, and, via the Deputy Minister of PS, to inform the Minister of PS of any challenges facing the provision of protective services, including, but not limited to intelligence sharing gaps and insufficient resources.

s. 39 - Cabinet Confidence

- In the immediate term, however, ITAC has started developing and briefing tailored threat assessments for Ministers and senior officials, and has implemented an information sharing mechanism to allow increased cooperation with the Sergeant-at-Arms. ITAC assessments are shared with security personnel to inform mitigating measures.
- The RCMP continues to maintain [redacted] ministerial liaison team (MLT) [redacted], to enhance behavioral analysis capacity, and engage in regular outreach with Ministers and staff to increase awareness of threats and available services through the MLT.
- In addition, the RCMP is working on new human resource processes to enhance the recruitment of experienced police officers and develop a direct entry capacity that will streamline the traditional approach to hiring and training CPOs.
- The RCMP has also created a new Assistant Commissioner position to oversee protective policing, which will allow for more focussed senior management attention on this work.

For Public Release

[APG]

PROTECTED B
Confidence of the King's Privy Council

PCO Comment

- As threats directed at public figures continue to increase from both a physical security and foreign interference perspective, the security and intelligence community is working towards building a sustainable model to meet these needs.
- Such a model could include a stand-alone agency to develop tailored threat assessments and provide security and protective services to Parliamentarians and Federal Public Figures. Additional work is ongoing to develop advice in this regard, including with regard to increasing our capacity to collect, assess, and share information and intelligence derived from open source and social media monitoring.
- As well, efforts are being made to increase information sharing with external partners, such as event organizers and police of jurisdiction, to increase awareness and inform security measures for events in which public officials may take part.
- s. 39 - Cabinet Confidence
s. 39 - Cabinet Confidence The Privy Council Office Security & Intelligence Secretariat will keep you posted on progress.

Jody Thomas

13300475/ /Chayer/