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

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

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**SUMMARY**

- On June 1, 2023, the Office of Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities requested an update on the progress of the Parliamentarians and Federal Public Figures Initiative s. 39 - Cabinet Confidence
- PCO will continue working with Public Safety Canada (PS), the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), and the Integrated Threat Assessment Centre (ITAC) to develop and implement all the measures s. 39 - Cabinet Confidence to bolster security and protection for Parliamentarians and Federal Public Figures.

**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.
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- Below are the steps taken to further enhance protection and security measures. s. 39 - Cabinet Confidence

1. PCO is working with PS and partners to develop and establish a Deputy Minister-Level Advisory Committee. The committee will make recommendations to ensure that the resources available to protect Canadian public figures are effectively and transparently utilized. Draft terms of reference have been shared with PS and partners for their input.

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3. The RCMP continues to make progress on its commitments to enhance parliamentary security by:
  - maintaining [redacted] ministerial liaison team (MLT) [redacted];
  - managing enhancements to behavioral analysis capacity [redacted];
  - engaging in regular outreach with Ministers and staff to increase awareness of threats and available services through the MLT;
  - delivering security awareness training and briefings to Ministers, Chiefs of Staff and other senior officials; and,
  - working on new human resource projects to support proposed initiatives, such as enhancing experienced police officer recruitment; developing a direct entry capacity that will streamline the traditional approach to hiring; and, training CPOs.
4. 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.

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5. ITAC has moved a few significant pieces forward, including:
- working with CSIS to develop an implementation framework for the new Ministerial Directive on threats to Parliament and Parliamentarians;
  - increasing the number of analysts [redacted]
  - working towards an agreement and MOU with Parliamentary Protective Service (PPS).

ITAC has also

- acquired PS Minister's approval for an arrangement and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to share information with the Sergeant-at-Arms (SaA); and,
- met with Public Prosecution Service Canada to discuss aspects [redacted]

**PCO Comment**

- While the RCMP and ITAC will continue to advance their human resource projects, the timeline of full implementation remains dependent on the funding decision that will be made by Minister of Finance.
- PCO will also work more closely with the SaA and PPS for more seamless delivery of security for Parliamentarians.

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Attachments

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