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DATE FILE INITIATED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ March 15, 2023, at the initiative of the Commissioner of Canada Elections (CCE)
ALLEGATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Global News report published on <u>November 16, 2022</u>, by Sam Cooper: https://globalnews.ca/news/9280974/china-interference-canada-election-investigation-toronto-businessman/ ➤ Allegation that the consulate would have transferred around \$250,000 through a Toronto-based businessman, and a pro-Beijing community group, and these funds went to an elected provincial government official via a staff member, to aid a federal candidate for the 2019 contest. ➤ Further reporting by Global News was published on February 24, 2023, where Hanpeng Dong (Han Dong) was identified as the federal candidate that would allegedly have received support from the Chinese Consulate in the 2019 nomination process. ➤ The same report also indicated that Chinese international students with fake addresses were allegedly given letters that provided them with an address within the specific ED of Don Valley North, Ontario so they could participate in the nomination vote. It was also alleged that these students were bussed into the riding and purportedly coerced by Beijing to vote in Han Dong's favour with threats that their student visas would be revoked if they did not cooperate. https://globalnews.ca/news/9504291/liberals-csis-warning-2019-election-candidate-chinese-interference/
POTENTIAL CONTRAVENTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Subsection 363 (1) - No person or entity other than an individual who is a Canadian citizen or is a permanent resident as defined in subsection 2(1) of the <i>Immigration and Refugee Protection Act</i> shall make a contribution to a registered party, a registered association, a nomination contestant, a candidate or a leadership contestant. ➤ Subsection 368(2) – Conceal, or attempting to conceal, the identity of the source of a contribution governed by this Act or acting in collusion with another person or entity for that purpose. ➤ Subsection 282.4- Unduly influence an elector by foreigners to vote or refrain from voting or to vote or refrain from voting for a particular candidate or registered party at an election. ➤ Subsection 282.8 - By intimidation or duress, to compel or attempt to compel a person to vote or refrain from voting, or to vote or refrain from voting for a particular candidate or registered party, at an election.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Subsection 281.4 (a) vote or attempt to vote at an election in a particular electoral district knowing that his or her place of ordinary residence is not in that electoral district; or (b) induce or attempt to induce another person to vote at an election in a particular electoral district knowing that the other person’s place of ordinary residence is not in that electoral district.
<p>STEPS TAKEN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Review of Nomination Contest financial returns of both candidates. ➤ Review of FINTRAC disclosure. ➤ 2 interviews conducted. ➤ Extensive Open-Source research and analysis conducted in an effort to corroborate financial allegations as well as the alleged bussing of electors for the nomination contest.
<p>EVIDENTIARY THRESHOLD FOR THE INITIATION OF AN INVESTIGATION REACHED?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No, based on the information captured and reviewed to date, there is no indication or evidence of any foreign funding towards the Dong nomination campaign nor any amount of funds that correspond (exactly, in range or in combination of amounts) to the alleged \$250,000 transferred to his campaign. ➤ No, the review has not identified any direct indications to support the allegations of individuals illegally participating in the nomination process. Of note, eligibility for participation in a nomination process is regulated by the political party.
<p>CURRENT STATUS</p>	<p>Review</p>
<p>STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Royal Canadian Mounted Police (FINTRAC report received, OCCE information shared and deconfliction) ➤ Elections Canada (financial returns and statements from both nomination campaigns) ➤ The Procedure and House Affairs Committee (PROC) (OCCE made a request to PROC to obtain documents “tabled” during PROC, however, these documents were not made public, and OCCE efforts were unsuccessful)