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Public Inquiry Into Foreign Interference  
in Federal Electoral Processes and  
Democratic Institutions

Enquête publique sur l'ingérence étrangère  
dans les processus électoraux et les  
institutions démocratiques fédéraux

## *In Camera* Examination Summary: A CSIS Employee

Commission Counsel examined a CSIS Employee during *in camera* hearings held in July and August 2024. Counsel for the Attorney General of Canada appeared on behalf of the Government of Canada and had the opportunity to examine the witness. The hearing was held in the absence of the public and other Participants. This summary discloses the evidence that, in the opinion of the Commissioner, would not be injurious to critical interests of Canada or its allies, national defence or national security.

### Notes to Reader:

- Commission Counsel have provided explanatory notes in square brackets to assist the reader.

## 1. A Warrant

### 1.1 Examination by Commission Counsel

- [1] A CSIS Employee was examined on this issue by Commission Counsel.
- [2] Commission Counsel directed the witness to [a classified email from the affiant in the warrant application, expressing concerns].
- [3] The CSIS Employee testified having no recollection of this specific email or this specific warrant, prior to reviewing it in preparation for this hearing. The CSIS Employee was not involved in the details of the warrant.
- [4] The CSIS Employee stated that they were not aware of any operational frustrations in relation to the delay for Ministerial approval of the warrant. The CSIS Employee is unaware whether the issue had been directly raised with the Deputy Director of Operations at that point.

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## 1.2 Examination by the AG

- [5] The CSIS Employee did not recall the content of the email when they read it prior to testifying.
- [6] The CSIS Employee acknowledged that they were the executive assistant to Ms. Michelle Tessier, the DDO at that time.
- [7] The CSIS Employee's role at that time was to collect information and provide it back to the DDO. The CSIS Employee did so even in much less significant cases. Therefore, the CSIS Employee is very confident that they would have provided this information [the affiant email] to the DDO for her awareness and for any action that was required.