

2021

Critical Election Incident Public Protocol Panel

<p>Panel: Ian Shugart, Clerk, PCO Janice Charette, Interim Clerk (as of March 21, 2021) Vincent Rigby, NSIA, PCO Nathalie Drouin, DM Justice (as Deputy Clerk starting August 23, 2021) François Daigle, DM Justice (as of August 23, 2021) Marta Morgan, DM GAC Rob Stewart, DM PS</p>	<p>Invitees: Ian McCowan, PCO Christyne Tremblay, PCO Al Sutherland, PCO Caroline Xavier, PCO Mike MacDonald, PCO David MacGillivray (Secretary), PCO Shelly Bruce, CSE David Vigneault, CSIS</p>
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January 27, 2021	<p><u>Panel:</u> Ian Shugart, Clerk V. Rigby, PCO Nathalie Drouin, Justice Marta Morgan, GAC Rob Stewart, PS</p> <p><u>Invitees:</u> S. Bruce, CSE D. Vigneault, CSIS I. McCowan, PCO C. Tremblay, PCO A. Sutherland, PCO M. MacDonald, PCO D. MacGillivray, PCO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction (Clerk) - Recent Developments (Clerk) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Changes in the environment since 2019 (US Election, COVID) o Update on meetings of the ESCC (NSIA) - Threat Environment and SITE Readiness (NSIA/CSIS/CSE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Intelligence Update since the SITE Threat Assessment (CSE/CSIS) - Upcoming NSIOP Appearance (Clerk/NSIA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o NSICOP Recommendations and Judd Report o Key Messages - Supporting the Panel (NSIA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Meeting Frequency o Development of scenarios for a TTX 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Report on the Assessment of the Critical Election Incident Public Protocol B. NSICOP Letter outlining its recommendations <p>Additional documents found in the binder:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) January 25, 2021 email: Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM): background b) February 2, 2021 memo: Rapid Response Mechanism – Legal analysis of open source information collection c) Draft Outline of Presentation to NSICOP; NSIA Opening remarks to NSICOP; and Key messages for the DM of Justice

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June 25, 2021 (JUS)	Panel (no attendees list)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introductory Remarks - Discussion of Operations: GE2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Panel Operations o Intelligence Requirements o Public Communications o 2021 Critical Election Protocol - Implications of a COVID Election <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o What are the possible challenges? o How does this impact the Panel's Mandate? - Wrap-up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Cabinet Directive on the Critical Election Incident Public Protocol (Eng/FR) B. Communications Framework – Election Security // Cadre de communication – Sécurité de l'élection C. BN to the DM of Justice: Meeting of the Critical Election Incident Public Protocol Panel (June 18, 2021)
July 12, 2023	Panel (no attendees list)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introductory Remarks - Threat Landscape Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o CSIS & CSE to provide baseline threat updates - Communications planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o PCO Communications to update on their preparations - Threshold Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Democratic Institutions to provide insight to previous work done to establish threshold for intervention - Scenario Exercise - Wrap-up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Annotated Agenda for the NSIA B. Annotated Agenda for the Clerk of the Privy Council
July 26, 2021 (JUS)	Panel (no attendees list)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introductory Remarks - CSIS and CSE Public Reports - Political Party Meeting Debrief - Scenario Exercise - Wrap-up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. BN to the DM of Justice: Meeting of the Critical Election Incident Public Protocol Panel (July 26, 2021) B. Canada Declaration on Electoral Integrity Online C. Cabinet Directive on the Critical Election Incident Public Protocol D. Foreign Interference: Threats to Canada's Democratic Process (CSIS Report)

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E. Cyber Threats to Canada's Democratic Process – July 2021 Update (CSE Report) F. Scenario for Critical Election Incident Public Protocol Review – For Exercise Purposes Only
August 23, 2021 (PCO)	Panel (no attendees list)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introductory Remarks - Threat Update: SITE and CSIS - Retreat Scenario Exercise: Lessons Learned - Scenario Exercise - Discussion of Panel Announcement Process - Wrap-up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Technical Briefing Deck: Protecting Canada's Democracy B. Media Lines: Critical Election Incident Public Protocol C. Media Lines: Government of Canada unveils plan to safeguard Canada's Election and Qs&As D. Critical Election Incident Public Protocol – the Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Scenario 1: International Affairs o Scenario 2: Hack or No Hack? o Scenario 3: The Elbonian Candidate o Scenario 4: Fake News and Early Results E. Election Information Ecosystem
August 30, 2021 (PCO)	Panel (no attendees list)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introductory Remarks - Threat Update – SITE - Scenario Exercise - Panel Discussion on Announcement Process - Wrap-up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Critical Election Incident Public Protocol – the Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Scenario 1: International Affairs o Scenario 2: Hack or No Hack? o Scenario 3: The Elbonian Candidate o Scenario 4: Fake News and Early Results
September 7, 2021 (PCO)	Panel (no attendees list)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introductory Remarks - Threat Update – SITE - Scenario Exercise 	Only agenda – no documents

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Panel Discussion on Announcement Process – Continued - Wrap-up 	
September 15, 2021 (PCO)	Panel (no attendees list)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introductory Remarks - Threat Update – SITE - Panel Discussion - Wrap-up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> C. Annotated Agenda for the Clerk of the Privy Council D. Critical Election Incident Public Protocol – the Panel (Exercises) E. Strategic Intelligence Brief: Security Threats to Canada’s 44th Elections – Update (RCMP document) F. Letter from Michael Barrett, Conservative Candidate to David Vigneault, CSIS G. September 14, 2021 Email from Ken MacKillop - Subject: Heads-up / FYI – Media request – CP – CPC letter to CSIS DIR: re: PM auto-biography H. Globe and Mail Article: Chinese firm republished Trudeau’s memoir with new title I. September 14, 2021 email from [redacted] (The Canadian Press) to [redacted] – Subject: Conservatives ask CSIS to clarify details of Justin Trudeau’s secret deal with Communist party of China J. September 14, 2021 email from Ken MacKillop – Subject: Trudeau says he played no role in deal with Chinese government press that republished his memoir in China
September 23, 2021 (PCO)	Panel (no attendees list)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introductory Remarks - Threat Update – SITE - Panel Discussion - Wrap-up 	A. Annotated Agenda for the Clerk of the Privy Council

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November 5, 2021	Panel (no attendees list)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introductory Remarks - After Action Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o SITE o Independent Protocol Review & Report - Discussion: Key Takeaways <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Panel Preparation & Operation (deck) o Election Security Grey Areas (deck) - Wrap-up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Annotated Agenda for the Clerk of the Privy Council B. Panel Discussion: Panel Preparation and Operation (deck) C. Panel Discussion: Election Security Grey Areas (deck) D. November 4, 2021 Email from [redacted] to Stuart Fee and Jeremy Adler – Subject: FOR AWARENESS: upcoming DFRLab piece on Chinese influence on Canadian parliamentary election <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Attachment: Draft copy of a report by the Atlantic Council’s DFR Lab
December 10, 2021 (PCO)	<p>Attendees list:</p> <p><u>Panel:</u> Clerk, Deputy Clerk R. Stewart, DM PS F. Daigle, DM JUS D. Morrison, NSIA</p> <p><u>PCO:</u> M. MacDonald Al Sutherland and/or Paul MacKinnon Kem MacKillop</p> <p><u>Others:</u> S. Bruce, CSE D. Vigneault, CSIS B. Lucki, RCMP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introductory Remarks - SITE After Action Report - Discussion: Key Takeaways <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Panel Preparation & Operation (deck) o Election Security Grey Areas (deck) o External Review of Panel Work and Protocol - Wrap-up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Annotated Agenda for the Clerk of the Privy Council B. SITE Task Force: Key Observations from GE44 Review of Principal Threat Actors and Elections Security Update to the Panel – 5 November 2021 (CSE deck) <p>Attendees from SITE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Lyll King</u>, Chair of SITE (CSE) [redacted] CSIS SITE Rep <u>Gallit Dobner</u>, GAC SITE Rep <u>Dan Anson</u>, RCMP SITE Rep <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C. Panel Discussion: Panel Preparation and Operation (deck) D. Panel Discussion: Election Security Grey Areas (deck)

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August 2, 2022	Call with Morris Rosenberg and Al Sutherland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview re CEIPP - Deputy Clerk and Morris Rosenberg • To discuss critical elements that will guide the independent assessment of the Critical Election Incident Public Protocol, including its implementation and effectiveness in addressing threats to the 2021 election. • Discussion topics will include the model itself, the processes in place and the usefulness and timeliness of the information given to the Panel, as well as any additional insights you may be able to offer on how the model should evolve going forward. 	July 29, 2022 Email request from [redacted] [redacted] – Request for interview by Morris Rosenberg – CEIPP Evaluation
October 12, 2022	Call with Morris Rosenberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up Meeting on the Critical Election Incident Public Protocol (CEIPP) • Mr. Rosenberg is preparing the draft of his report. 	N/A

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