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**SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE THREATS TO ELECTIONS TASK FORCE**

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**STATEMENT LANGUAGE TO PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE (PCO) REGARDING JUNE 19, 2023 BY-ELECTIONS**

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- On May 16, 2023, the Security and Intelligence Threats to Elections Task Force (SITE TF) began providing enhanced monitoring and assessment of foreign interference (FI) threats directed to the federal by-elections being held on June 19, 2023.
- The SITE TF was also to report any observations of threats of violent extremism relating to the by-elections.
- The SITE TF provided daily situation reports to members of the Deputy Minister Committee on Intelligence Response (DMCIR) starting on May 24, 2023, as well as verbal briefs at weekly DMCIR meetings.
- In the lead up to the by-elections and on June 19, 2023, the SITE TF saw no indication that foreign state actors were targeting the federal by-elections for the purpose of foreign interference.
- In the lead up to the by-elections and on June 19, 2023, the SITE TF did not observe any threats of violent extremism to the federal by-elections.
- The SITE TF will continue to monitor for any intelligence related to foreign interference that targeted the by-elections held on June 19, 2023 and will prepare a final report, as set out by Minister Leblanc in his announcement on May 26, 2023.