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### HOT ISSUES NOTE

#### ALLEGATIONS REGARDING THE 2019 AND 2021 ELECTIONS (SPECIFIC)

##### RCMP SPEAKING POINTS:

- As previously communicated by Commissioner Lucki in her letter to this Committee, dated November 28, 2022, the RCMP did not conduct criminal investigations into the 2019 federal election.
- The RCMP does not have any criminal investigations underway concerning the 2021 federal election.
- The RCMP can investigate criminal offences related to foreign actor interference under the *Security of Information Act*; there are also *Criminal Code* offences that can be leveraged, such as criminal harassment and intimidation.

##### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

*Did the RCMP participate in briefing candidates and political parties prior to the 2019 or 2021 federal elections?*

- Yes, the RCMP participated in briefing political parties through its role in the SITE Task Force for both the 2019 and 2021 federal election.

*What can the RCMP say about the leaks to the media concerning foreign state-backed support of electoral candidates in Canada – is the RCMP investigating?*

- The leaks to the media are concerning, particularly since they allege direct foreign interference in Canada's federal electoral process.
- The media reporting of the Security of Information Act (SOIA) violations linked to the leaked CSIS reports has led to the initiation of a SOIA investigation led by Ottawa Detachment INSET.

*On March 6 2023, the Prime Minister announced several measures to respond to allegations of FI in the 2019 and 2021 federal elections, including: Appointing an Independent Special Rapporteur; reviews that will be conducted by the National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians (NSICOP) and National Security and Intelligence Review Agency (NSIRA); and publishing a "30-Day Report on FI." What is the RCMP's role in this announcement?*

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- The RCMP is involved in all of the above-described processes, and supports both the ISR's examination, as well as NSIRA and NSICOP reviews.
- As well, the RCMP is prepared to provide support to future efforts and activities that connect to the "30 Day Report on FI."

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