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FW: TASKING: Call-Out for input : Clerk's weekly bilateral meetings with the Prime Minister and his Chief of Staff

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Morning ClerkO,

Apologies for the delay, please see below for the bilat items on behalf of the DNSIAo.

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Subject: RE: TASKING: Call-Out for input : Clerk's weekly bilateral meetings with the Prime Minister and his Chief of Staff

Hi [redacted],

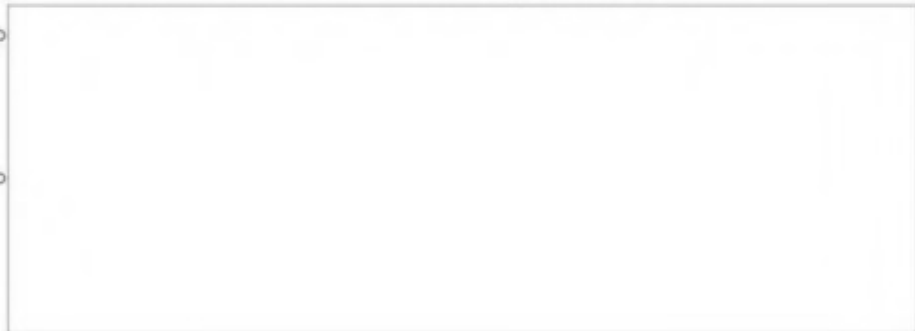
So sorry for the delay, here are the bilat items on behalf of the DNSIAo

PCO has developed a protocol for briefing cleared leaders of opposition parties on classified material.

- o The proposal, which will come to you for decision, and consistent with your direction, is to offer regular briefings to leaders of opposition parties on a variety of subjects, including classified intelligence and information when appropriate. The intention of the briefings will be to allow parties to develop more informed positions on issues relating to national security, foreign policy, defence, or other topics. They would also provide a venue to disclose information specific to parties to help address national security issues, such as when a particular party may be subject to directed foreign interference attempts.

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- Opposition party leaders will first need to obtain a TOP SECRET security clearance and appropriate indoctrinations to receive the briefings, and PCO can reiterate the offer you have already made to leaders to receive such a clearance.
 - The protocol has been discussed with key DMs who were all in agreement of the overall approach. It is understood that risks are not zero (e.g. parliamentarians may choose to disclose classified information in the house and claim parliamentary privilege) , but we are able to mitigate through the clearance process and eliminating/restricting access to future information should there be inappropriate disclosure.
 - The protocol would include working with your office to confirm agenda topics/subjects, informing you of what will be briefed in advance, and following up with your office on any outcomes.
 - PCO would coordinate the briefings, working with security agencies, and deputies would be responsible for briefing their ministers accordingly.
 - A specific note detailing the proposed protocol and considerations will be provided to your office imminently.
- to the leaders of opposition parties*
- Further to the above, we are also working in parallel to provide briefings on intelligence you have seen.
 - This 'ad hoc' effort would fall under the forthcoming protocol in the future.



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If there are no items to raise kindly reply with a NIL.

Please send your input to the Clerk's Correspondence Team Inbox. (@pco-bcp.gc.ca)

Thank you,

Bonjour,

En vue des prochaines réunions bilatérales/trilatérales hebdomadaires du greffier, pour la semaine du 29 avril, nous prenons les devants afin de préparer des documents à son intention. Veuillez nous signaler toutes questions à soulever ou à porter à sa connaissance pour les deux réunions suivantes, en remplissant le modèle ci-joint et en spécifiant les points à soulever pour chaque réunion individuelle.

- **Réunion bilatérale entre le greffier, le Premier ministre et la Vice Première ministre** **Lundi 29 avril, 2024**
- **Réunion bilatérale entre le greffier et le Premier ministre** *La réunion n'a pas encore été fixée*
- **Réunion bilatérale entre le greffier et la chef de cabinet du Premier ministre, Katie Telford** *La réunion n'a pas encore été fixée*

Veuillez nous fournir tout matériel nécessaire **au plus tard le jeudi 25 avril, 2024 – 15h00**. Veuillez s.v.p. utiliser le modèle ci-joint

Si vous croyez qu'il n'y a aucun élément à soulever, veuillez tout de même répondre pour nous en aviser.

Veuillez envoyer vos commentaires à l'équipe de correspondance du greffier. (@pco-bcp.gc.ca)

Merci,

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