

<b>2022-0925-56</b>	
<b>DATE FILE INITIATED AND ALLEGATIONS</b>	In April 2023, during a session of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs (PROC) and its study on foreign election interference, it was claimed that a former member of Parliament received, ahead of the 2021 federal general election, a “cryptic and threatening” text message allegedly originating from the Chinese Consul General “suggesting that he would no longer be a member of Parliament after the 2021 election”. Based on this information, the Commissioner of Canada Elections initiated, of her own initiative, a review into the matter with the view of determining if there was a contravention of the <i>Canada Elections Act</i> (the Act). The Office of the Commissioner of Canada Elections did not receive any complaints in relation to this matter.
<b>POTENTIAL CONTRAVENTION(S)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>S. 282.4</b> of the Act - Undue influence by foreigners</li> </ul>
<b>STEPS TAKEN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A review of the PROC information available to the public was conducted.</li> <li>• A witness was contacted to gather additional information.</li> <li>• A witness indicated that key factual elements were no longer accessible.</li> </ul>
<b>EVIDENTIARY THRESHOLD FOR THE INITIATION OF AN INVESTIGATION REACHED?</b>	<p>No.</p> <p>The review did not identify tangible or direct evidence to substantiate the elements constituting the offence of undue foreign influence or other potential contraventions as defined by the Act.</p>
<b>CURRENT STATUS</b>	Closed
<b>STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT</b>	None