



Addendum to Interview Summary: CSIS HQ Interview Summary

Senior officials from CSIS HQ were interviewed in a panel format by Commission Counsel on February 13, 2024. The interview was held in a secure environment and included references to classified information. This addendum contains information provided during that interview that is relevant to Stage 2 of the Commission's proceedings and that, in the opinion of the Commissioner, would not be injurious to the critical interests of Canada or its allies, national defence or national security.

Notes to Readers:

- Commission Counsel have provided explanatory notes in square brackets to assist the reader.

1. A Cabinet Minister

- [1] The witnesses were asked to comment on a classified document regarding an MP and Cabinet Minister who was likely of interest to the PRC who received protective security briefings by CSIS.

2. Zhao Wei

- [2] The witnesses were asked to comment on two classified documents related to FI activity, the second referencing Zhao Wei, a PRC official, specifically.
- [3] Mr. Vigneault opined that there had been discussions with GAC before the release of the second document but that its senior leadership did not appear to be aware of the threats posed by Mr. Wei. Mr. Vigneault noted that GAC had been provided with all CSIS intelligence reports relevant to this issue but that, as CSIS had no information as to GAC's further internal dissemination of these reports, it was not aware of the moment at which GAC made the links between all relevant reports. None of the witnesses

recalled providing further information to GAC regarding this issue, though Ms. Henderson indicated that it was possible that such a request had been made by GAC.

3. Michael Chong and Erin O'Toole

- [4] Mr. Vigneault noted that CSIS had met with Mr. Chong on more than one occasion.
- [5] According to Mr. Vigneault, the media leaks of 2023 [which allege that CSIS had intelligence indicating that the PRC had made specific threats against Mr. Chong's family] did not accurately reflect CSIS' assessment, which was that while concerning, there was no information suggesting physical harm to Mr. Chong or his family. After the leaks, Mr. Vigneault met with the PM and briefed Mr. Chong an additional time at the direction of the PM.
- [6] Mr. Vigneault added that, following the leaks, the Minister of Public Safety issued a Ministerial Direction to CSIS directing that MPs who have been the subject of an FI threat be provided with all relevant classified information, including unassessed information that pertained to their security. Mr. O'Toole was briefed on the basis of that Ministerial Direction. The intent and specific procedures to follow as per the Ministerial Direction were clarified following the briefing to Mr. O'Toole.