

July 31, 2024

This is in response to your request under the Access to Information Act, which was received by this office on May 1, 2024, to obtain:

Criminal intelligence reports, memos, briefs concerning the general phenomenon of threats to the safety of members of Parliament and other prominent politicians. Please do not process anything that appears to be a cabinet confidence. Final versions only. at Headquarters from: 2023-09-01 to 2024-04-30

Based on the information provided, a search for records was conducted in Ottawa Ontario. Enclosed is a copy of all the information to which you are entitled. Please note that some of the information has been exempted pursuant to subsection 16(2) of the Act, a description of which can be found at: <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/A-1>.

As per our email of June 5, all Cabinet Confidence references have been marked as Not Relevant in the documents.

Please be advised that you are entitled to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner concerning the processing of your request within 60 days of receipt of this notice.

Deputy Ministers Protection Committee

January 12, 2024
2:00-3:00pm

Key Messages

- In recent years, the threat and security environment for parliamentarians has continued to evolve, as successive generations of public figures continue to be increasingly subject to a myriad of threats, ranging from harsh online comments to direct threats of harm.
- It is essential that every effort be made to ensure that political leaders are safe and free from threats and harassment to help maintain the trust and integrity of government processes and systems at all levels, which is crucial to Canada's sovereignty, security and prosperity, by ensuring the safety of elected officials.
- Protective services are provided based on a threat and risk-based approach to ensure those most at risk are provided with the protection they need.

BACKGROUND

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Threat Update

In recent years, the threat and security environment for parliamentarians has continued to evolve, as successive generations of public figures continue to be increasingly subject to a myriad of threats, ranging from harsh online comments to direct threats of harm.

Protection Operations

In August 2022, the Protective Operations program, formerly split between NHQ and National Division, was realigned under the Assistant Commissioner, National Security and Protective Policing. This has helped streamline the decision-making process, optimizing the resources dedicated to support Protective operations both domestically and internationally.

On November 22, 2023, as part of the 2023 Fall Economic Statement, the Government decided to provide funding of approximately \$187.2 million over five years, starting in 2024-25, to enhance the RCMP's Protective Policing Program to address growing threats targeting public figures.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

Threat Update

The threat environment is continually evolving and RCMP is responsible for the protection of various Canadian Dignitaries and will continue to work with partners to ensure safety and security as appropriate.

Protection Operations

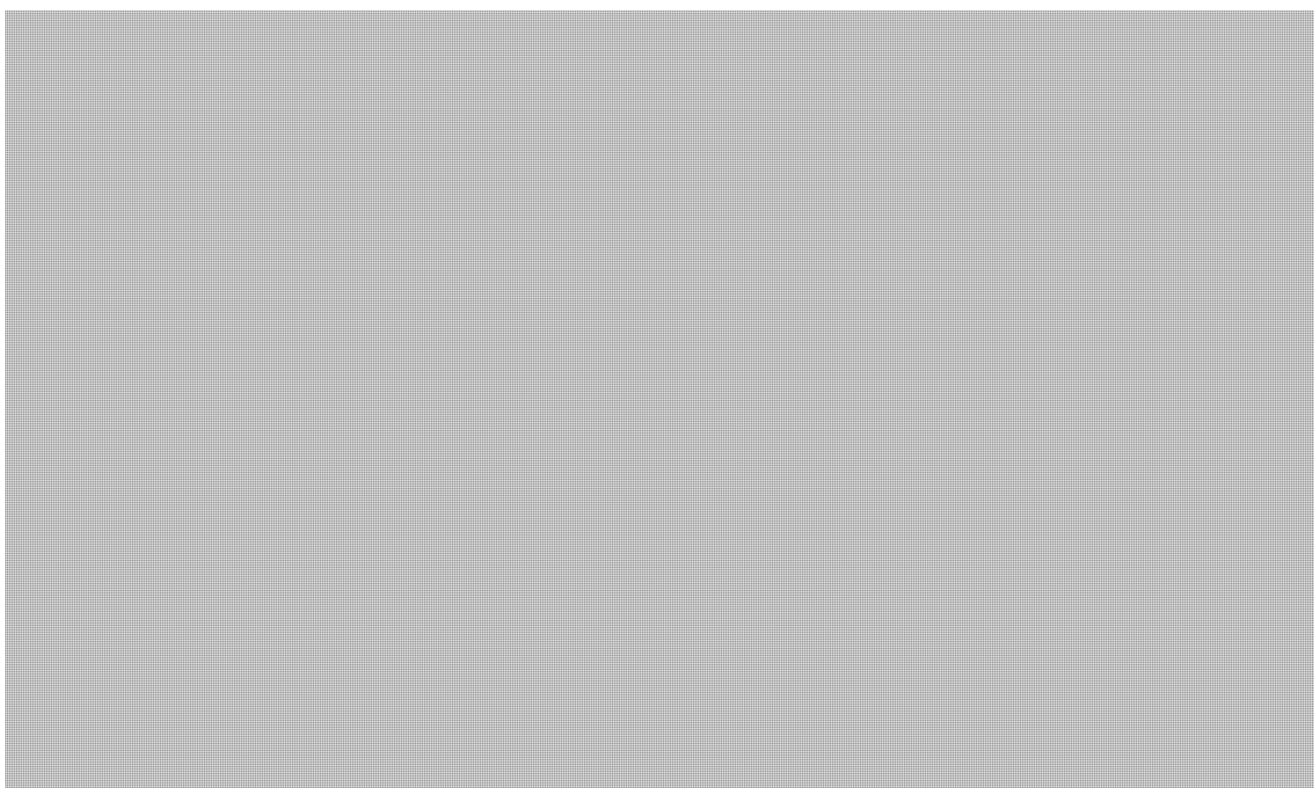
As the number of threats continues to increase, the RCMP and other departments must be strategic in their analysis of this threat environment. Balancing risk versus strained resources requires a constant review of protective priorities and identify any residual risks and concerns with current posture. Responsible departments must communicate and work together to ensure appropriate leveraging of security resources to complement RCMP protective activities, and steps to mitigate risks.

Protective Policing Program Update

The recent announcement that the advancement of the new Federal Policing Recruit Development Program (FPRDP) has been put on hold until a new collective agreement is signed with the National Police Federation will likely contribute to short-term impacts on staffing.

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- Additional: Planning has begun for a number of large potential and/or confirmed Government-led events (inc. NALS, G7, FIFA). While the considerations for these Government-led events are much larger than just Close Protection, they always come with a significant close protection requirement. The specific impacts will become clearer in the coming months as plans for these events begin to take shape.

Deputy Ministers Protection Committee (DMPC)

March 12, 2024

Key Messages

- As of this writing, the official invitations from the Department of Canadian Heritage for the state funeral of former Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, P.C. have not been sent out. The invitee list, attendees, locations and exact dates are still to be confirmed. Once confirmed the RCMP will be in a better position to determine its security and protective postures for this event.
- Protective Policing representatives, were in Montreal this past weekend, dealing with the logistics for this state funeral, which has been designated as a major event.

OUTLINE/OVERVIEW

The objective of this meeting is to discuss the plans for the upcoming state funeral for the late, former Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, P.C.

There is still a great deal of information that needs to be confirmed regarding the state funeral as the list of attendees has not been finalized. In the interim, Protective Policing representatives are working on logistics for the funeral to the greatest extent possible.

BACKGROUND

In the days leading up to the funeral, the body will be transported from the place of death to Ottawa, where the casket will be met by a Guard of Honour. In the case of a former Prime Minister, the Guard of Honour is selected from the RCMP. The body will then be escorted to the Sir John A. McDonald Building. There, the remains lie in state for a period of two days, with four members of the RCMP maintaining a constant vigil. The body will then be transported to Montreal, where it will also lie in state ahead of the funeral itself.

Due to the likely presence of current and/or former Heads of State from other countries and the significant security requirements involved, the RCMP has the primary responsibility to ensure the security for the event, including: the safeguarding of Internationally Protected Persons (IPPs); citizens; and Canadian communities where the events are hosted. This

state funeral will be deemed as a major event under the *Major International Event Security Cost Framework* (MIESCF).

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

Due to the close proximity of these two events, RCMP protective is currently determining how to best coordinate resources.

The anticipated schedule for the state funeral is as follows:

- March 18th: Drill practice in the Canadian Police College gym. Anticipated start at 0700hrs;
- March 19th: Lying-in-State at 144 Wellington (Sir John A. McDonald Building). Anticipated working hours 0800-2000hrs;
- March 20th: Lying-in-State at 144 Wellington. Anticipated working hours 0800-2000hrs;
- March 21st: Lying-in-State at Marché Bonsecours. Anticipated working hours 0800-2000hrs;
- March 22nd: Lying-in-State at Marché Bonsecours. Anticipated working hours 0800-2000hrs; and
- March 23rd: Funeral at Basilique Notre-Dame. Anticipated working hours of 0800-1800hrs

***Updates to this request or schedule may occur as the planning of the event is still very fluid.**

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Deputy Ministers Protection Committee

February 20, 2024

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Key Messages

- Current demand is placing significant strain on existing personnel and taking resources from other Federal Policing priorities. Even with the newly dedicated funding received in the Fall Economic Statement, the RCMP would only be able to meet *today's* demand for protective services by mid-2025.

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- [REDACTED]

- **Funding:** Based on the recent funding decision, factoring in a ramp up time of approximately 1.5 years (please refer to TAB B), the RCMP will be stretched to meet current and future demands for protective services. From a Human Resources perspective, even with adequate funding, the current labour market and specialized training requirements for Close Protection Officers (CPOs) pose challenges and the potential risk of delay in the RCMP's ability to fully staff funded resources in the immediate term. Efforts continue to address these challenges across the FP program.
- **Threats:** Based on the evolving threat environment the RCMP is forced to walk a delicate balance in providing protective services based on perceived threats being experienced by Parliamentarians [REDACTED]. The limited capacity of RCMP's protective services must be prioritized based on these assessments.

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Major Events

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