PUBLIC SAFETY CONVOY KEY MESSAGES

CSIS INPUT

Key Messages:

- CSIS does not investigate lawful advocacy, protest or dissent, unless it is carried out in conjunction with activities that constitute a threat to the security of Canada.
- What constitute a threat to the security of Canada is defined in the CSIS Act:
 - o espionage and sabotage;
 - foreign influenced activities detrimental to the interests of Canada and are clandestine or deceptive or involve a threat to any person;
 - activities directed to or in support of the threat or use of acts of serious violence against persons or property for the purpose of achieving political, religious or ideological objective
- CSIS cannot investigate an unlawful protest if it does not rise to the level of a threat to the security of Canada. This would be the realm of law enforcement and criminal law.
- s.38

 No formal organized plot of violence has been identified.
- The situation with the Freedom Convoy is fluid. As the occupation continues and
 frustrations, anxiety and tension increase, it is possible that an individual or small group
 of individuals may be willing to engage in violence. Should that be the case, CSIS could
 investigate these individuals as presenting a threat to the security of Canada.
- CSIS' mandate is to assess and possibly investigate individuals based on the potential for serious violence based on ideological, political or religious beliefs.