

RE: Convoy issues messaging

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I absolutely agree, we shouldn't be limiting the Ministers who go out on this at all.

I am coming at this from more of an internal issues management angle. Right now, Public Safety is setting all the core messaging. And they are responsible for two very significant pieces in the RCMP and CSIS, so it absolutely makes sense they have a prominent role here.

But as a new portfolio with convening responsibilities, we've been spending the last 24-48+ hours centralizing info not only from PS but from all of the implicated players. We are in the best position to compile the messaging that says our government is doing everything possible to encourage a safe event and prepare for all eventualities.

I tweaked the lines to try to better capture what we're trying to articulate. Does the highlighted make a bit more sense?

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- * As is common with any significant gathering with a potential impact on government operations, such as the annual Canada Day celebrations, **implicated agencies from all levels of government** are engaged and coordinating to ensure a safe event.

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Hi Caroline,

I think the Ministers are doing a good job right now and if Minister Blair would like to start doing comms as well that is great. At this time I don't feel we should limit the Ministers going out on this as everyone has a piece and I think our narrative is getting through.

Sam

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Hey ML –

Thanks for the call just now. I'll touch base with Minister Mendicino's team, but just to reiterate I do still hold that this is becoming an issue that is more our wheelhouse from a 'overall government preparedness' perspective.

- Caroline

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What I would say to that is yes, PS can and absolutely should be speaking to the RCMP's preparedness. But this is a situation where there are a number of portfolios and levels of government are involved – including notably PPS, which doesn't answer to any portfolio. As a convening/coordinating office, I think there's a role we can play to articulate overall federal government readiness here.

Could we maybe have a quick call when you're free?

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Hey Caroline,
Sorry I missed your call a moment ago. Adding AC, Cecely and Sam here.

I 100% see a role for Minister Blair here. I also see one for Min. Mendicino. I think Mendicino can speak to police preparedness at this time. My instinct is that he would be spokes if things were to reach an "emergency" level – calling for calm, etc. He can really command attention and respect, and is very effective in those situations.

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Hey ML,

Wanted to reach out on the current issues lead situation for the convoy. Given how this is transitioning into a whole-of-government coordination response, I feel like as Emergency Preparedness we are a well-positioned office to provide more of the high-level messaging going forward. Public Safety of course has a major role to play when it comes to the RCMP, CSIS, and IMVE threats, but we have a helpful perspective on the whole-of-government coordination + collaboration with other levels of government.

These are lines that we worked up earlier today. Any thoughts on if this is a helpful approach?

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-Caroline