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Canada's Law Enforcement & Intelligence Capabilities A \$280 Million Investment in Canada's Security



In light of the tragic and barbaric terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11th, the Government of Canada has made national security our top priority.

As part of our renewed focus on security, the federal government is

currently reviewing all of our policies and legislation. To oversee this important review, the Prime Minister has appointed the Honourable John Manley, P.C., M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs, to chair a cabinet committee on national security.

To help strengthen our national security the federal government has allocated an additional \$280 million. Part of this funding will go to hiring 300 new security personnel.

Last spring, the federal government introduced legislation to amend the Criminal Code and provide new tools to deal with organized crime.

Some of the measures currently being contemplated by the U.S. to facilitate intelligence gathering through wiretapping are already in place in Canada.

Canada is among a handful of countries in the world to have implemented a national system to allow for the use of forensic DNA analysis in solving crimes.

Budget 2000 allocated an additional \$1.5 billion to the RCMP, CSIS, Canada Customs, and Citizenship and Immigration Canada to deal with organised crime enforcement and enhance national security.

An additional \$115 million was provided in 1999

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to the RCMP to modernize its computerized law enforcement information system in order to provide more coordinated and integrated data sharing with national and international criminal justice agencies.

An Office of Critical Infrastructure Protection and Emergency Preparedness has been established to develop and implement a comprehensive approach to protecting Canada's infrastructure and civil response to terrorist threats

In fact, Paul Cellucci, U.S. Ambassador to Canada, recently stated "The co-operation between U.S. intelligence and Canadian intelligence agencies has been extraordinary. It's always been very good. It's been extraordinary since September 11."

New Funding for RCMP

- **\$8 million** for new equipment such as scanning units for use by the RCMP at airports, border crossings, ports and offices for the electronic transmission and analysis of fingerprints, palmprints and photographs.
- \$1.5 million for the purchase of fingerprint card conversion technology to upgrade the Canadian Criminal Records System.
- An investment of **\$770,000** to increase the ability of the RCMP Emergency Response Team to undertake tactical response capabilities.

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New Funding for Intelligence Agencies

The federal government has provided a special allocation of **\$47 million** to two of Canada's security and intelligence organizations: the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) and the Communications Security Establishment (CSE).

CSIS is receiving an immediate allocation of **\$10 million** so that it can invest in new technology and increase its investigative capacity. This includes technical upgrades such as the acquisition of computers, secure fax machines, high-speed fibre-optic modems, crypto units, collection systems and servers.

The CSE will receive \$37-million to augment and retool existing systems and to accelerate planned projects as follows:

\$6 million for support to research and development related to CSE's mandate;

\$26 million for information technology infrastructure upgrades to enhance processing and analysis; and

\$5 million for the purchase of equipment for cyber threat and vulnerabilities identification.

What Has the RCMP Been Doing?

- The Commissioner of the RCMP is holding regular conference calls with Chiefs of Police across Canada. Law enforcement agencies are working together to make sure that Canadians are as safe and secure as possible.
- The RCMP, through the Commissioner, is working closely with the Solicitor General to contribute to the National Security Committee headed by Minister John Manley. The RCMP is providing advice and intelligence on how to best ensure public safety.
- The RCMP continues to work in close cooperation with other government departments (e.g. Transport Canada, Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Canada Customs and Revenue Agency and local airport authorities) to ensure the security and safety of all Canadians.
- The immediate response to this unprecedented situation included plainclothes RCMP members providing security on some domestic flights.

The Government of Canada's Response to Terrorist Threats - Find Out More -

Along with this flyer detailing the Government of Canada's law enforcement and intelligence capabilities, I have also produced several other information flyers on important security issues. These issues include:

- Canada's Immigration & Refugee System
- Canada's Border Security
- Stopping Terrorist Financing
- Canada's Airport Security
- Canada's Military Commitment

For a copy of any of these flyers visit my web site at www.davidpratt.ca

David Pratt, M.P. Speaking Out Against Terrorism

"The enormity of the death and devastation, the horror and barbarity of the last week are almost beyond the capability of the human mind to absorb and understand. I am sure that none of us living today will ever forget the images that are now seared into our memories. The fireballs of death and destruction at the World Trade Centre, the firefighters and police marching valiantly into the inferno, the billowing clouds of dust and debris as the towers collapsed, the crater left by the crash of high-jacked flight near Pittsburgh, the destroyed section of the Pentagon building I visited three months ago these unforgettable scenes mark a week of darkness and tragedy.'

> David Pratt, M.P. House of Commons Special Debate September 17, 2001

"Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have lost a loved one and indeed all Americans as they seek God's wisdom in trying to understand and cope with the magnitude of this tragedy...While Canada has not been attacked physically, the principles that we share with the United States, freedom and democracy, the rule of law, constitutional government and individual liberty, have been assaulted in a most horrific and unprecedented manner. Together with our allies, we must summon the resources and the resolve to rid the world of this unspeakable evil."

David Pratt, M.P. Calvin Christian Reformed Church Memorial Service September 12, 2001

"I am pleased to inform the House that the defence committee unanimously adopted a motion to produce a report on Canada's operational readiness as it relates to counter terrorism. The committee will hear from a wide range of witnesses in such areas as special forces, intelligence gathering, emergency preparedness and the defence against nuclear, biological and chemical attacks."

David Pratt, M.P. House of Commons, October 4, 2001

Canada's Campaign Against Terrorism