

## Ministerial Authorizations (MAs): Overview

 MAs authorize CSE to undertake activities or a class of activities to pursue its foreign intelligence collection or information technology security mandates when these activities risk contravention of the *Criminal Code* provision against the interception of private communications

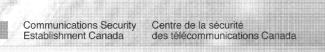
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- Without MAs in place, CSE would be in violation of the Criminal Code if it intercepted a private communication in the conduct of its mandated activities
- It is important to note that these MAs do not authorize new or additional activities by CSE

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## SIGINT Ministerial Authorizations: 2014-2015

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CSE is requesting the approval of three SIGINT MAs which target foreign data and communications:

1 : Targets foreign communications

2 targets foreign communications

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1. Cyber Defence Activities (CDA): Upon request from a client department, CSE will undertake cyber operations to detect threats and vulnerabilities in Government networks and systems and to mitigate malicious cyber activity directed at Government networks and systems

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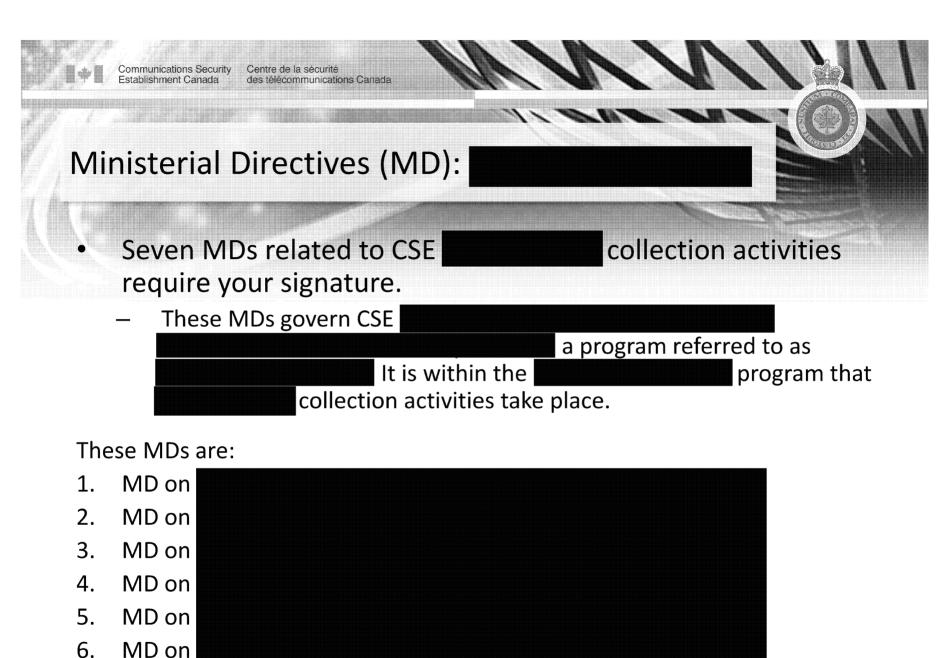
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## Minor Changes to the 2014-2015 MAs

- Formatting changes have been made for greater clarity, however only two minor changes have been made in terms of content:
  - Strengthening the review process for the retention of solicitorclient communications to require Ministerial approval
  - 2. CSE's notification system (to MND) regarding the deployment of Cyber Defence Activities, when requested by Federal institutions, has been improved to streamline assistance to federal institutions subject to cyber attacks

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MD on

- It is recommended that you approve
  - 1. CSE's 2014-15 requests for new Ministerial Authorizations, and
  - 2. CSE's 2014-15 requests for new Ministerial Directives on
- All Ministerial Authorizations and MDs must be signed by November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 or CSE will be forced to cease all activities enabled by these instruments.

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