



Issue Note - Boards of Investigation

BACKGROUND

Boards of Investigation (BOIs) are administrative investigations that can be convened in a joint manner between the Parole Board of Canada (PBC) and the Correctional Services of Canada (CSC) when an offender who has been released further to PBC granting a conditional release, and in exceptional cases, while on statutory release, is charged with a serious offence, and a preliminary review of the case reveals questions as to whether the law and PBC policies were respected.

It allows for a thorough review of the actions taken by PBC. The purpose of a BOI is to identify areas of systemic or case-specific concerns which must be addressed, such as the need to obtain complete and quality information, training on risk assessment and compliance with the law, policy and procedures.

In November 1992, the *Corrections and Conditional Release Act* came into force with the provision under subsection 152(4), authorizing the PBC Chairperson to convene investigations into its operations and indicating that sections 7 to 13 of the Inquiries Act were applicable to such investigations.

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Key Messages

- There is currently a joint BOI underway; it is the first since 2012.
- The results of some of the BOIs have led the PBC to change its policy, update its training to Board members, improve its procedures and modernize its processes.
- The investigations are administrative in nature; they are not a criminal investigation into the incident. As such, the intention is not to blame those who have accomplished their tasks dutifully, but rather to analyse findings and recommendations and bringing amendments to policy and training programs to reduce the likelihood of such incidents happening in the future.

Annex A – [Redacted]

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