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To:	Aziz, Ajmal (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6)
Subject:	RE: 5RD CVE network sync - mid-February? [SEC=OFFICIAL]
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Hi Ajmal,

On 2nd February 2022, the Minister for Home Affairs announced an expansion of the Australian Governments countering violent extremism programs. This recent announcement included the establishment of the international Centre of Excellence for CVE Research, Risk Assessment and Training.

On 9th February 2022, the Director General of ASIO in his annual threat assessment raised the issue of an increased instance of a younger cohort (mentioned young children aged 13) observed becoming radicalised since covid.

I've also included a report from one of our Australian colleagues working with Canadian researchers looking at foreign fighters, and another, a 2021 report from one of our CVE collaborators.

Hope that helps

Regards,
David

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From: Aziz, Ajmal (b)(6)
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Thank you! I've updated the network roster accordingly.

Let me know if you have any questions/concerns as it relates to the note about the sync next week and capturing country updates via email prior to the meeting. I'm hoping I receive feedback from all by end of this week so that I can share in advance of the network sync.

If you have a chance to review the activity tracker that would be appreciated. If there are activities in there that are of particular interest to you/Amelia and John we can tee that up for discussion.

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From: Kernot, David (b)(6)
Sent: Sunday, February 6, 2022 5:09 PM
To: Aziz, Ajmal (b)(6)
Subject: RE: 5RD CVE network sync - mid-February? [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi Ajmal,

I had also, and did not know he has moved to another department. For now we can use John CIANCHI from Home Affairs.

John CIANCHI (b)(6)

Regards,
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From: Aziz, Ajmal (b)(6)
Sent: Saturday, 5 February 2022 3:16 AM
To: Kernot, David (b)(6)
Subject: RE: 5RD CVE network sync - mid-February? [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi David,

I keep getting a bounce back for Robert Rushby. Can you please confirm his email address so I can update our POC list accordingly? Below is what I have that doesn't seem to be accurate

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Thanks!

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From: Kernot, David (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 5:31 PM
To: Aziz, Ajmal (b)(6) Legault, Richard (b)(6) 'Susannah Taylor' (b)(6) 'Kubicek, Brett' (b)(6) 'Glenn Williams' (b)(6)
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Hi Ajmal,

Amelia suggests she is unavailable 16/17 but ok for the rest. I am available on all days, but my preference is not to have a 5AM meeting because it's 4:30AM in my time zone ☹️ But all other times are good.

Hope that helps.

Regards,
David

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From: Aziz, Ajmal (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, 28 January 2022 5:28 AM
To: Legault, Richard (b)(6) Susannah Taylor
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Hello 5RD CVE network country leads,

Hope all is well and that the new year is off to a good start.

I am reaching out to identify a suitable time for our next network sync. I figured it would be best to work directly with the country leads to schedule before looping in the rest of the network. Below are some possible dates/times for consideration – hopefully either you or a replacement can attend. As previously discussed, we wanted to shift the timing to accommodate all partners so please note the change in time from previous teleconferences.

Upon agreement, I'll get an invite out in addition to sharing the final network roster and activity tracker (attached for reference). There was also discussion about rotating chair's or topic discussion so please keep that in mind for future network meetings. For the February sync, DHS will be including our lead researchers from NCITE to talk about a current study that aims to assess the efficacy and quality of threat assessments and management programs to evaluate their approaches. Would appreciate if there is a volunteer for the next meeting ~April. We are trying to make these network syncs to be more impactful so one of the things we're considering is capturing country updates prior to the sync. That way we can be more focused on our discussions – whether it be from the country updates or from the updated tracker (which now has 111 activities listed!). Will tee this up for discussion to get network consensus.

February 8,9, 14-17: 2AM EST (US+CAN), 7AM GMT (UK), 6PM AEDT (AUS), 8PM NZDT (NZ)

February 8,9, 14-17: 3AM EST (US+CAN), 8AM GMT (UK), 7PM AEDT (AUS), 9PM NZDT (NZ)

February 8,9, 14-17: 3PM EST (US+CAN), 8PM GMT (UK), 7AM AEDT (AUS – following day), 9AM NZDT (NZ – following day)

February 8,9, 14-17: 1PM EST (US+CAN), 6PM GMT (UK), 5AM AEDT (AUS – following day), 7AM NZDT (NZ – following day)

Sorry – I know these timings are not ideal for all. We can all share the burden as we rotate these timings on a bi-monthly basis – to coincide with each country topic brief.

Looking forward to hearing from you and getting the network sync scheduled.

Thanks,
Ajmal

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Thanks – this is extremely helpful.

Happy to connect you to the researchers working the fit for use – just let us know.

I've got an action item to reach out to the Australia DST partners to discuss the COE and some of their data on tools- once we get an understand of level of confidence in sharing this with you we'll circle back. Same goes for the COE – we'll talk to AUS first and if open (which I don't see why they wouldn't be) can connect their COE to you/Gina.

Really excited about some of the NCITE end user wg's. There are a few efforts that caught my attention that I figure you're already tracking, such as:

- • * Practitioner Counterterrorism and Terrorism Prevention Risk and Threat Assessment Tools
- • * An Investigation of Threat Assessment Related Factors within SAR Reports

Eager to hear what these efforts are about and selfishly how they can inform our BOA efforts.

Thanks!!

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From: Samuel Hunter (b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 11:48 AM

To: Aziz, Ajmal (b)(6)

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Subject: Re: Thank you

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Good morning to you both – it was wonderful to chat with the group yesterday. I know this is something you deal with on a regular basis, but I was personally comforted by the collegiality and willingness to collaborate to solve big problems. It felt pretty special to be a part of that.

I'll connect with [bvg](#) during our sync and did the best I could to scribble notes. I didn't know everyone (and their home offices/titles) so did my best to guess quickly with accents and time-references (i.e., how are you tonight, this morning, etc.).

Thinking through the list and my notes I sent to Paul last night, here are some initial comments that I'll think through further (and will get updated by the team on).

1. • 1. Systematic reviews underway by CPN PREV on fit of use and case mgmt – will share with you (though this is not specific to PVE)

Yes, my take-away on fit use/use case was that this is critical (and will be moving forward). Paul's most recent deliverable touched on this a bit, which is good. He's also working on this a bit further, also good. But having documents from CPN PREV when available will be useful and helpful!

2. • 2. Systematic review on juvenile justice – aware of this? If not, we can get our hands on it

Yes, I mentioned this to Paul last night. That literature was included in the larger literature review (so that's good – not missing in that sense), but given Rik's interest will be good to make explicit in final documents. I'll also connect with Erin Kearns (also criminologist, know's Rik's training and background so can help here)

3. • 3. Australia DST mentioned some tools (Trap 18, dtek?, others) – assume you were tracking and aware of these? If not, is there interest to engage directly with DST to dive a bit deeper into what they have?

Yes, the specific tools have been considered and are included in the documentation. In the use case documents, these are also touched on. To help us scope things a bit, this will be discussed once we get to our interviews with USSS personnel, who can help guide things a bit in terms of what they face, specifically.

- a. • a. Please see attached and let us know if any of this is of interest

That is helpful! I'll incorporate if it's not included already.

- b. • b. Interviews with SMEs – interest in pulling potential POCs from SRD partners/practitioners?

I will check with the team on this. It's an interesting opportunity. This is certainly a good connection for Matthew on their allies abroad task (that I hope I helped sell/pitch/request?!).

4. • 4. Australia new International COE – are you tracking this? Happy to broker an intro if you/NCITE would like

I am not, personally tracking this (Gina may know, but I tend to be more familiar with the centers in the US). It would be good to connect given the overlap in work. I will always follow your lead on when we can make your group look good by stepping in and connecting (or at least try). I never want to break chain of command so to speak, so as long as you give the blessing, the more the merrier.

5. • 5. Paul Gill – has done a lot of work with UK/AUS/CAN. I assume his prior research is being leveraged to inform Pillar 1? If so, please make sure we give appropriate endorsement. Indeed, this is the case.

With regard to additional comments in my notes:

Brett Kubrick mentioned some quick in Quebec and Paul is tracking that (he's on a board and is familiar). Brett wanted to make sure we were tracking and seem to be, so that's good.

There was some discussion about potential data sources on the tools, but I know that's complicated. It's just a bullet I had in my notes. We can chat offline about that should the need arise.

My other notes were in line with the comments you made, so that was roughly it. I appreciate the follow up and look forward to connecting with Lew next week!

-Sam

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Subject: Thank you

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Sam,

Thank you for supporting yesterday's 5RD meeting. I thought it went extremely well. There was a lot of interest around the research underway by yourself and RTI so will need to make sure we follow up accordingly with our international partners to get our hands on some of the studies they referenced that can help inform our efforts. I'm happy to serve as that liaison.

We're getting our notes in order and will send soonest but figure it's best for us to discuss further during your next sync with Lew. A few things that caught my attention, below, though I probably didn't capture all of it. Anything else that we're not tracking?

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Thanks again – there is a lot of attention of this work (domestically and internationally) so please let us know if there is anything we can do to support or connect.

Cheers,
Ajmal

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