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Attachments: Question 3 - June-July-August addition.docx

As requested, please find the additional info you were looking for.

Merci

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Media response

L'actualité

Castonguay, Alec (*L'actualité*)

Call received on: September-17-20 at 15:55

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Level 1 – COVID-19 – Bolloré and supply orders

BACKGROUND: Alec Castonguay, a journalist and Chief of L'actualité's politics bureau, is writing a book about the pandemic and is seeking information on the topic of flights between Canada and China.

QUESTIONS / ANSWERS:

Q1. Between March 1 and May 1, 2020, how many flights did the company Bolloré make between China and Canada under the terms of a contract signed by Canada?

Q2. What type of plane did Bolloré use? Did it use Air Canada planes? What type of aircraft? Airbus? What type?

Q3. How many flights came back to Canada empty (or did not take place because the cargo on site was not ready to be loaded)?

AI -3.The agreement in place with Bolloré Logistics Canada Inc. is for transportation, receiving, storage services and support with customs clearances on the ground in China. Oversight is maintained throughout the process from the point of pick up from the supplier until supplies are loaded onto the plane and departs. This end to end approach is in place to navigate the complex supply chain environment, and includes working with Canadian airline partners, Air Canada and CargoJet, to carry the personal protective equipment (PPE) and medical supplies back to Canada.

From March 1st to May 1st 2020, we received 21 flights of supplies from China carrying personal protective equipment (PPE).

In April, one federally chartered cargo flight returned from China to Canada without the intended Government of Canada cargo on board. This occurred due to a confluence of circumstances including a significant surge in cargo flights out of terminals at the Shanghai Airport at that time meaning that this cargo wasn't able to make it on board in time. This flight however was loaded with cargo belonging to other Canadian entities and returned to Canada carrying that cargo. The carrier credited the Government of Canada for the costs of that flight.

We have seen a steady flow of orders make their way to Canada with 114 flights carrying PPE and medical supplies to equip essential workers in Canada, as of September 21, 2020.

Over the past months the federal government has further diversified our supply chains for PPE and medical supplies, including establishing and scaling up Canadian production of goods ranging from face shields, to surgical masks, to the reagents needed to process COVID-19 tests. To date, Canada has secured more than 2 billion items of PPE. Deliveries of PPE and supplies include shipments from domestic manufacturers, by sea, and directly from international suppliers in addition to the federally chartered international cargo flights.

Q4. Your website displays the quantity of equipment ordered and received to date (as of late August). I would like the same data for the same type of equipment, but for February, March, April and May (broken down by month).

Q5. How many orders were made per month, and how many items were received per month per category?

A4-5. Here is the quantity of items ordered and received from international and domestic suppliers for February, March, April and May, as well as the number of orders made and received for these items during the same period. (attachment)