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Sent: May 6, 2020 9:03 AM
To: Laycock, Tristan (SPAC/PSPC); MacKnight, Aisling (HC/SC)
Cc: Durocher, Patrick
Subject: RE: Wednesday QP - Friendly

Thank you!

From: Laycock, Tristan (SPAC/PSPC) <tristan.laycock@canada.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 8:50 AM
To: MacKnight, Aisling (HC/SC) <aisling.macknight@canada.ca>; Tojiboeva, Muna <Muna.Tojiboeva@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>
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Here is the response and revised Q that we worked on with MP Scarpaleggia:

- Before we restart the economy, we need to know that Canadians are safe.
- While our foremost focus is on the needs of frontline workers and Canada's health professionals, we are also actively exploring how the federal government could help organizations that provide essential services access the PPE their workers need.
- The COVID-19 Supply Council is bringing together a group of leaders from the private and non-profit sectors who will provide advice on further establishing diversified and adaptable supply chains for key items like masks, gloves and disinfectants as this situation continues to evolve.
- The Council is part of our collaborative approach and is intended to help us respond to current and future supply needs.
- In leveraging their experience and networks, they will provide valuable input on how to best streamline and strengthen our government's work in building essential sources of supply, and ensure that Canadians have access to what they need to stay safe and healthy as we move forward.
- Our government is working every step of the way with provinces and territories, workers and businesses, to ensure we are taking the actions necessary to address the impacts of COVID-19, and ensure Canadians are well protected.

Q:

Several of my constituents who work in the private sector, especially those in retail and manufacturing industries, are wondering how they will obtain the personal protective equipment they need to work safely when the economy reopens. The challenge is a big one for these companies, especially since they do not have a centralized distribution network like the one in the health care system.

I understand that the government has just announced the creation of a supply council that will look at procurement. Can the Minister explain the Council's role? And can she tell us what the government is planning to do to support Canadian companies as the economy reopens?

Sent from my iPhone

On May 5, 2020, at 18:53, Laycock, Tristan (SPAC/PSPC) <tristan.laycock@canada.ca> wrote:

I'll draft something. Ash, French, English or mix?

From: MacKnight, Aisling (HC/SC)

Sent: May 5, 2020 6:27 PM

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Thanks Muna, seems this is about the new Supply Council so I have to defer to Tristan on this one

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Hi Ash and Tristan,

MP Scarpaleggia would like to ask the following friendly tomorrow:

My question is for the Health Minister.

First, I would like to thank and congratulate the Health Minister and the other members of government who are working night and day in response to the pandemic, both in terms of public health and the economy, for their excellent work under our Prime Minister's leadership.

Several of my constituents who work in the private sector, especially those in the retail and manufacturing industries, are wondering how they will obtain the personal protective equipment they need to work safely when the economy reopens.

I understand that the government has just announced the creation of a supply council.

Given the obvious fears about the procurement of personal protective equipment, can the Health Minister tell us whether the federal government will play a direct role in the supply chain for this crucial equipment, for which demand is and will continue to be enormous, including in the private sector, especially since, unlike the health care system, the private sector does not have a centralized distribution system?

Does the federal government plan to supply the private sector directly, at least in part?

Could you please work together to draft an answer for Min. Hajdu? It is fine if she responds in English.

**Thanks,
Muna**