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From: Laycock, Tristan (SPAC/PSPC)
Sent: March 31, 2020 5:23 PM
To: MacKnight, Aisling (HC/SC); Souvenir, Ricardo (Ext.)
Subject: RE: PPE Shortage

Here are some lines:

- The whole-of-government is focused on responding to the COVID-19 outbreak, and working with partners at all levels of government, and with industry, to ensure Canadians and their families are safe.
- We are working closely with federal partners, provinces and territories, and industry to identify priority items and secure necessary supplies in real time.
- We have announced new measures to help Canadian industry rapidly scale up and re-tool production capacity, and deliver direct support to key Canadian companies for research and development.
- We are also deepening the use of existing supply arrangements and innovative, flexible procurement approaches to accelerate Canada's response to the pandemic.
- We stand ready to take further action and adapt our approach as the situation evolves.

If-pressed:

- We recognize that some of these goods are in high demand around the world, and we are leveraging existing sources of supply while also proactively engaging industry to help meet Canada's needs.
- We are building Canadian industrial capacity to serve our needs for the short and long terms. These efforts will help keep Canadians safe and healthy, while also ensuring a reliable domestic supply.
- Our goal is to be over prepared and we are ordering supplies in anticipation of future needs, to ensure they are available for provinces, territories, frontline health workers and Canadians.

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Pressed send too soon... adding Tristan

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Subject: RE: PPE Shortage

Hi Ricardo,

That specific part would be between PSPC and I, so I add Tristan. Here's our lines on medical supplies procurement:

COVID-19 – MEDICAL SUPPLIES

- We are **all working together** to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Earlier this month, we announced funding towards the purchase of personal protective equipment and other necessary medical supplies and equipment.
- Your governments at **all** levels are **working together** to promote the appropriate use of personal protective equipment, assess potential shortfalls, identify priority items, and collaborate on procurement.
- We are **taking all action** to secure necessary equipment in real time, in direct collaboration with all provinces and territories, and with industry to identify suppliers to meet our shared needs.

If pressed:

- Products are being sourced from a number of suppliers from various countries.
- Procurement efforts will support the ramping up and building of domestic capacity, protecting jobs and securing long-term investment in Canada.
- We are building Canadian industrial capacity to serve our needs for the short and long terms. These efforts will help keep Canadians safe and healthy, while also ensuring a reliable domestic supply over the years to come.

If pressed on getting products approved:

- We are committed to expediting the review of products and safe alternatives, while maintaining the health and safety that our regulatory system is based on
- Regulatory review and approval timelines will be **accelerated** to ensure that personal protective equipment is readily available for our frontline healthcare workers.

Thanks,
Ash

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Hi Ash,

I was wondering if it was your shop who add the lines that the PM said in press conference when he was ask the pressed about shortage of PPE & all countries being in a race to access them?

Than you!

Ricardo Souvenir

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