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Thanks Rick

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Hi Astrid. Below – second para - is the note PCO send to me on proposed language on PPE/supply (this was when we were still tracking to announce the number). Draw on as you see fit.

Hi

Looping back following our convo this am. Would say that there are several factors that we may want to consider with respect to the level of detail for the announcement: existing contracts where details have not been announced; future contracts and the impact on GoC negotiating position; and, the fact that a detailed announcement (as per below) would mean that the Government could be held accountable to show that funds were spent exactly as announced (reducing flexibility to move money across buckets of necessary). Some elements, we may not want to announce (e.g., purchase of Hydroxylchloriquine), whereas 3 of the ventilator contracts have already been announced (CAE, Starfish and V4C), so we would need a responsive to clarify that these are not new.

One approach, as discussed, could be to craft the announcement along the following lines:
\$4.05B to support the purchase of personal protective and medical equipment and supplies, including N95 masks, medical gowns, gloves and vital ICU equipment including pumps and ventilators. This funding will also help us to increase testing capacity across the country through the purchase test kits, testing swabs and the chemicals and supplies necessary for the testing process. Importantly, x amount of this funding would go to innovative Canadian manufactures for the purchase of x, y, z.