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Subject: FYI - Excerpt Minister Hajdu presser - no numbers given for Qc

Here is the unofficial transcript excerpt from today's media avail. Minister Hajdu was asked what proportion was being shared with Quebec, but she was unable to give a firm number due to calculations in progress. She referred the reporter to the PT level to gain more information in regards to specific provinces.

Reporter: I would like to go back to the medical equipment that was promised to Quebec yesterday. It was said that some equipment would be delivered in the next two days, I would like to know what day is going to be shipped to Quebec, what equipment is being shipped, and what quantity is being shipped and about the masks it's going to be redistributed to provinces. Can you tell me what proportion of that is going to Quebec?

Patty Hajdu: Thank you for the question and I will give you numbers. I know there's lots of interest in PPE and what has gone out. Since the start of the week, we have received over 10 million masks, in large part to a company called Medicom and overnight, we received a shipment of 1.1 million masks from a supplier that has now arrived in Hamilton. We validated a donation from the Jack Ma Foundation from the last 24 hours and another 700,000 from our government stockpile which will be going out to provinces and territories very quickly. These masks along with thousands of gloves are being distributed across Canada. We are also in the process of shipping 174 ventilators and more are being dispatched. We have more shipments on the way in the procurement minister and her team are doing an amazing job in a very difficult situation. In terms of what's going where, that work is happening with the provinces and territories through the special advisory committee that works through and the deputy ministers of health. That is a very difficult, as you can imagine, conversation but an important one because provinces and territories are working incredibly cooperatively to make sure to meet those surges and in parts of country as they occur. I can't give you specific numbers, you can ask various ministers of health at the provincial level but at the federal level, I will say that we are very encouraged by the collaborative nature of these conversations in a very difficult time at that's what we need to see. We need to see Canada pulling together, provinces and territories, preparing for their own particular scenario and their own particular surges but also, to be understanding that if product is needed across the country in an area where there is a surge, they will be there to help their fellow Canadians and we have seen every indication that that is what's happening.

Reporter: Thank you for all the numbers. I appreciate it. If you can't give me the specific numbers, can you tell me how all those resources are being allocated and what I mean is, is it in a percentage of where there are the most dire needs, they get a bigger percentage or is it simply through the regular proportions of population density so Quebec and Ontario would get 25%. My other question, we've seen some smaller distributors in Canada who are trying to order shipments of medical equipment that are getting sort of outbid by the US amongst others, they can't keep up with a bidding war and I wonder if there's any potential role for the federal government because the federal government, will they take over of all these orders of medical equipment to avoid small distributors get outbid?

Patty Hajdu: That's two questions and I will answer them both. On the allocation formula, part of it is population based in part of it is held back for need so it's a careful formula that's built around the kind of population that people have but also, the ability to rapidly redeploy resources to an area where we see a surge. Those proportions are being worked on right now and at the end of the day, what we would like to see and what we are getting to us a consensus from all provinces and territories that the formula meets their needs and that they're comfortable with that formula.

Will let the reporter know to contact Quebec's ministère de la Santé.

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Can you tell him how many masks are being sent to Québec?

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Hi. I have a few questions concerning medical equipment:

Q. On what studies are Dr. Tam and Minister Hajdu basing their allegations, which they have been making for weeks, that science shows that masks are useless for asymptomatic people? Can we get copies or links to these studies?

Q. Justin Trudeau said that Canada has received more than 10 million masks in recent days. Where are these shipments coming from? How many masks will be sent to Québec?

Deadline: as soon as possible

Thanks.

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