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Good morning,

PSPC lines from the call:

Supply Council

[\[Federal COVID-19 supply council member quits over links to company that landed Indigenous Services contract \(Jorge Barrera, CBC\) 2020-05-14\]](#)

- From the beginning we have been working with partners at all levels of government, and with industry, to secure life-saving medical supplies as part of a whole-of-government response to the COVID-19 outbreak.
- As part of our efforts, we have announced the COVID-19 Supply Council which will bring together a diverse group of leaders to provide advice on establishing further diversified and adaptable supply chains for key items so that we are prepared for any eventuality.
- This council builds on our collaborative approach to help us address current and future supply challenges, and ensure that Canadians have access to the supplies they need to stay safe and healthy

If-pressed (Conflict of Interest):

- The COVID-19 Supply Council has no role in the Government of Canada's procurement processes or contract awards.
- The Council is in place to provide advice on the federal government's work to build up Canada's supply of personal protective equipment and medical supplies in response to this pandemic.
- In the interest of ensuring the transparency of the Council's function, and out of an abundance of caution, this Member has stepped down from the Council.
- The Council will continue to provide valuable advice on building innovative and agile supply chains, including with respect to production, sourcing, shipping and distribution strategies as the situation surrounding COVID-19 continues to evolve.

Quality Control

[\[Canadian-approved N95 mask targeted by Chinese counterfeiters \(Evan Dyer, CBC\) 2020-05-14\]](#)

- Our priority is making sure we get safe, effective equipment and supplies into the hands of front-line healthcare workers.
- Given the high level of complexity in the global supply chain ensuring quality of the product PSPC is purchasing is extremely important.
- We are working with established suppliers and distributors, as well as quality assurance experts, and we have strong processes in place to help ensure that the supplies we receive meet all necessary standards.
- In addition, PHAC has robust testing measures in place, and they are in place for the very purpose of ensuring quality control of these essential products before they go out to provinces and territories.

Procurement Beyond Healthcare sector

[Protective gear is still in short supply. Reopening businesses will make matters worse (Alex Ballingall, TORONTO STAR) 2020-05-14]

- Our government is aggressively buying life-saving equipment and supplies that Canada needs from a diverse range of suppliers around the world and here at home.
- We are also working directly with businesses across the country to rapidly build up our domestic production capacity to meet current and future needs.
- First and foremost we are focused on the needs of frontline workers and Canada's health professionals.
- At this point, we are actively exploring how the federal government could help organizations that provide essential services access the PPE their workers need.
- We are absolutely following public health guidance on this, and looking to see where we can best assist.

If-pressed

- I am in regular contact with my provincial and territorial counterparts to ensure that we are working cohesively and collaboratively, and that they are getting the support they need.

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