

Question Period Summary for Thursday, June 18 2020/Sommaire de la période de questions du Jeudi Juin 18 2020

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Hello,

Please see below for a summary of today's meeting of the Special Committee on the COVID-19 Pandemic (COVI).

QUESTIONS RELEVANT TO THE HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Health-related questions focused on PPE, racism in the healthcare system and the opioid crisis.

Kelly Block (CPC): Asked what kinds of PPE were purchased with the initial \$500 million. Asked what companies received money to supply PPE.

Anita Anand (LPC): Replied that the Government purchased face shields, gloves, gowns, hand sanitizers, N-95 respirators, surgical masks, including ventilators and other supplies that Canada's health care workers need. With that said, in the interest of protecting supply chains, the Government must keep information about the companies that supply PPEs confidential.

Jenica Atwin (GP): Asked for the elimination of racism in the Health Care sector.

Bardish Chagger (LPC): Replied that the Government is working with all stakeholders in order to eliminate racism in the healthcare system. Through public safety, equality and equity, the GoC is making better decisions informed by lived experiences, and the Government is committed to actions and outcomes, in order to achieve this goal.

Alistair Macgregor (NDP): Asked if the GoC will declare a national emergency for the opioid crisis.

Patty Hajdu (LPC): Replied that she recently spoke with her counterpart from BC to continue their shared work for people to have access to harm reduction support, safer supplies, community driven treatment, and safe consumption sites.

OTHER QUESTIONS

Andrew Scheer (CPC): Asked about Canada's bid for a UN Security Council seat.

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Alain Therrien (BQ): Asked about amendments to the CERB.

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Jagmeet Singh (NDP): Asked about systemic racism in the RCMP. Asked about Police use of force.

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Leona Alleslev (CPC): Asked the Government to clarify why they were unable to win a bid in the UN Security Council seat.

Alain Rayes (CPC): Asked about the cost for a UN Security Council seat. Asked when CERB will be amended in order to allow people to return to work.

Pierre Poilievre (CPC): Asked if the deficit will be \$1 trillion this year. Asked how many Canadians will declare bankruptcy this year.

Dan Albas (CPC): Asked what the new CERB attestation is.

Martin Champoux (BQ): Asked why major internet companies are not taxed at a higher rate.

Yves Perron (BQ): Asked when compensation for dairy producers will arrive.

Churence Rogers (LPC): Asked how the fishing industry can apply to the Seafood Stabilization Fund.

Julie Dzerowicz (LPC): Asked what the Government is doing to support the LGBTQ2+ communities.

Alexandre Boulerice (NDP): Asked about the inability to secure a UN Security Council seat.

Heather McPherson (NDP): Compared Canada's peacekeeping efforts to Ireland's and asked if this contributed to the inability to win a bid for a UN Security Council seat.

Tim Uppal (CPC): Asked if the Government raised their concerns with human rights violations by the leader of Ethiopia. Asked for support for the oil and gas sector.

Michelle Rempel Garner (CPC): Asked about Canada's bid for a UN Security Council seat. Asked if the Government will promote a UN reform.

Luc Berthold (CPC): Asked if Mr. Beddawi will continue to receive consular services. Asked about the cost for a Security Council seat.

Kelly McCauley (CPC): Asked about the transparency of the CRA and OSFI.

Jenica Atwin (GP): Asked how people with disabilities are being supported.

Jenny Kwan (NDP): Asked if people will be penalized under Bill C-17.

Alistair Macgregor (NDP): Asked when the Canada Emergency Commercial Rental Assistance will be amended.

Claude Debellefeuille (BQ): Asked if the GoC on July 8th will table a bill to extend EI sickness benefits.

Warren Steinley (CPC): Asked if the Minister of Foreign Affairs will be quarantined for 14 days after returning from their trip to the US.

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FUTURE BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

As per the terms of the Motion adopted on May 26th, the Special Committee on COVID-19 is now dissolved.

The House will next meet on Wednesday, July 8th.

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Regards,

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