

# Question Period Summary for Thursday, June 11, 2020/Sommaire de la période de questions du Jeudi 11 juin 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 the CAF in LTC homes, disability assistance, COVID outbreak amongst Temporary Foreign Workers, PPE procurement, and Covid infection rates across international jurisdictions.

Alexis Brunelle-Duceppe (BQ): Asked if the CAF members will extend their stay in QC's LTC homes.

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Chrystia Freeland (LPC): Responded that the CAF will be available to help seniors in QC for as long as it is needed, and the Government is in discussion with the QC Government on how to proceed.

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Yves Perron (BQ): Asked if the Government would take responsibility for Temporary Foreign Workers' COVID outbreak on QC farms.

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Marie-Claude Bibeau (LPC): Replied that the Government is taking the matter seriously, and the Ministers of Agriculture, Immigration, and Health are working with local authorities to find solutions.

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Marc Dalton (CPC): Referenced PPE donations sent to Canada from Hong Kong, and asked about the amount of PPE available to Canadians.

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Anita Anand (LPC): Replied that a large proportion of PPE is now being produced domestically, and that Canada continues to increase its supplies by importing PPE from other countries.

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Kyle Seeback (CPC): Compared Covid infection rates per million in various countries and suggested that Canada's number was higher than some other jurisdictions (Australia, Germany, France, and New Zealand).

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Patty Hajdu (LPC): Replied that it is difficult to compare infection rates across international jurisdictions. Commended PTs for their efforts to protect the health and safety of Canadians.

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## **OTHER QUESTIONS**

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Andrew Scheer (CPC): Asked about properties owned by the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Jagmeet Singh (NDP): Asked if the Government will extend the CERB.

Tim Uppal (CPC): Inquired about funding for the Auditor General's Office. Inquired about support for small businesses.

Jamie Schmale (CPC): Asked when a MMWIG's National Action Plan would be released.

Joel Godin (CPC): Inquired about an amendment to the CEBA. Asked when small businesses will have access to receive additional funding support. Asked when an economic update will be released.

Shannon Stubbs (CPC): Asked when BDC application loans will open.

Marty Morantz (CPC): Asked whether funding provided to the WHO and UNICEF is going towards organizations that are on the Government's Anti-Terrorist list.

Caroline Desbiens (BQ): Inquired about support for the Rideau Vert Theatre.

Tim Louis (LPC): Asked what the Government is doing to address racism in Canada.

Lyne Bessette (LPC): Asked about support for the tourism industry.

Niki Ashton (NDP): Referenced the purchases of tents for Pinaymootang First Nation in Northern Manitoba, and asked what the Government is doing to investigate the purchase of the tents.

Heather McPherson (NDP): Asked when support for small businesses will be provided.

Pat Kelly (CPC): Asked when an economic update will be released. Asked about the expansion of CEBA.

Gerard Deltell (CPC): Inquired about Canada's deficit. Asked when an economic update will be provided.

Jody Wilson-Raybould (IND): Asked how the Government defines systemic racism and the legislations underway to mitigate systemic racism. References various sections of the Indian Act and asked if those are examples of systemic racism.

Alexandre Boulerice (NDP): Asked if the Government will provide funds for QC's social housing. Asked for support for the Arts and Culture sector. Asked if CERB will be extended. Inquired about support for the Aeronautical sector.

Julie Vignola (BQ): Asked when the Davie Shipyard will receive a contract for a polar icebreaker.

Blaine Calkins (CPC): Asked how small businesses will compete on a global stage once the economy re-opens.

## **FUTURE BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**

**The House of Commons will meet again Monday, June 15 (in a hybrid sitting) at noon to continue the proceedings of the Special Committee on COVID-19.**

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Regards,

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