

Question Period Summary for Monday, June 8, 2020/Sommaire de la période de questions du Lundi 8 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 public health advice, the Canada Health Transfer, and PPE.

Andrew Scheer (CPC): In the context of the Prime Minister's recent attendance of an anti-racism protest, asked if Canadians should be selective in adhering to public health advice.

Chrystia Freeland (LPC): Replied that systemic racism exists in Canada and that it is important to honour peaceful protests, and that the GoC advises people to wear PPE when attending large gatherings and to practice social distancing whenever possible.

Pierre Paul-Hus (CPC): On the same question, asked if the PM received permission from health authorities to attend the large gathering last week.

Patty Hajdu (LPC): Responded that it is important for people to protest in a safe manner and to wear PPE when attending large gatherings, in addition to socially distancing from one another.

Alain Therrien (BQ): Asked if the Government will provide the Canada Health Transfer without restrictions to the PTs.

Chrystia Freeland (LPC): Responded that the Government will collaborate with all PTs in order to facilitate the opening of the economy.

Marcus Powlowski (LPC): Asked about the availability of ventilators and how the GoC is ensuring that health care workers get N95 masks.

Anita Anand (LPC): Replied that domestic manufacturing has increased tremendously for all PPEs, and the Government continues to collaborate with PTs to ensure adequate supplies of PPEs for frontline workers.

Tamara Jansen (CPC): Asked if outdoor celebrations continues to pose a risk to public health.

Patty Hajdu (LPC): Stressed the importance of following local public health advice. The Government advises that any person that has attended large public gatherings, and experiences COVID symptoms, should immediately report this to public health authorities.

OTHER QUESTIONS

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Christine Normandin (BQ): Asked if adequate support has been provided to agriculture and seasonal workers by the GoC.

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Jagmeet Singh (NDP): Asked what the GoC plans to do to deal with systemic racism. Asked if the Government will commit to shifting resources to mental health services from policing.

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David Sweet (CPC): Asked if the Government will condemn human rights abuses in Iran. Asked what the Government is doing to help the citizens of Hong Kong.

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Lianne Rood (CPC): Asked why current border restrictions do not allow people to reunite with their families. Asked if the Government will change the Business Risk Management program before it expires on July 3rd.

Gabriel Ste-Marie (BQ): Asked if the Government will present an economic update when the House resumes regular sittings.

Sameer Zuberi (LPC): Inquired what measures are being taken to address the over incarcerations of minorities in Canada.

Jack Harris (NDP): Asked what the GoC is doing to eliminate Indigenous racism and police misconduct within the RCMP.

Damien Kurek (CPC): Asked about Access to Information requests.

Steven Blaney (CPC): Asked why more funding is not being provided to QC for infrastructure and cultural projects.

Jenica Atwin (GP): Asked if the GoC will condemn systemic racism within the police force. Asked if the Government will reinvest in local social services that are essential for Canadians.

Heather McPherson (NDP): Asked about financial support for people with disabilities.

Gord Johns (NDP): Referred to the death of an Indigenous person and asked when the Government will table and implement the National Action Plan.

Simon-Pierre Savard-Tremblay (BQ): Asked why the Aeronautic industry in QC did not receive help sooner. Asked what plans the Government has in place to help the aerospace sector.

Blake Richards (CPC): Inquired whether the Government can commit to measures that will provide assistance to the tourism sector. Asked if the Government can reform the WAGE subsidy so that seasonal businesses can qualify.

FUTURE BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

The House of Commons will meet again tomorrow (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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