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Hello,

Please see below for a summary of today's Question Period.

QUESTIONS RELEVANT TO THE HEALTH PORTFOLIO

- Health-related questions in today's Question Period focused on testing capacity, the healthcare system, health transfers, seniors in LTC homes, pharmacare, opioid crisis, and PPE procurement

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- Candice Bergen (CPC): Asked why testing capacity has not increased.

Justin Trudeau (LPC): Said that the Government has increased funding and increased testing capacity to every province and territory and as a result has increased Canada's testing capacity.

- Gerard Deltell (CPC): Asked why the Government is not allowing PTs to take care of their own healthcare system.

Justin Trudeau (LPC): Replied the Government is going to work with P/T Governments in order to take care of the health of all Canadians.

- Alain Therrien (BQ): Asked if the Government will increase health transfers. Asked if the Government will increase health transfers during the second wave of the pandemic.

Justin Trudeau (LPC): Replied that the Government has increased Health Transfers by \$40B a year. Including sending an additional \$19B to provinces to ensure a safe restart of the economy, and \$2B to aid children going back to school.

- Jagmeet Singh (NDP): Asked what the plan is for more testing, and for seniors in LTC.

Justin Trudeau (LPC): Replied that the Government has an approach that touches on the economy and testing capacity and will continue working with the provinces to increase testing capacity, help seniors, aid families, as well as, continue to be there for Canadians.

- Michelle Rempel Garner (CPC): Referred to testing being done by the Tokyo Airport for rapid testing, and asked on what day the COVID-19 rapid testing reviews will be complete.

Patty Hajdu (LPC): Said that the Government has relied on the expertise and on the guidelines set out by the experts in order to guide the Government's COVID-19 plans.

- Luc Thériault (BQ): Asked if the Government will increase health transfers.

Pablo Rodriguez (LPC): Replied that there has been health transfers to PTs and the Government will continue to help the PTs in its pandemic fight.

- Gabriel Ste-Marie (BQ): Referred to a letter regarding provincial jurisdiction in LTC and provincial health, and asked the Government to respond to the letter.

Pablo Rodriguez (LPC): Said that seniors have suffered the most and the Government will continue to work with the provinces to help seniors during the pandemic.

- Don Davies (NDP): Asked if the Government will commit to a public pharmacare and tell when that will come into place.

Patty Hajdu (LPC): Replied that the Government has lowered drug prices to save Canadians money, and the Government will work with the PTs to make sure that all Canadians can access affordable medication.

- Cathy McLeod (CPC): Asked what the Government plans are for the opioid crisis.

Patty Hajdu (LPC): Replied that the Government has done a lot to help people with substance abuse problems, such as support to easy access to medicine, overdose prevention sites, supporting community-based projects through substance use and addictions treatment. Furthermore, the Government will continue to work with PTs in order to help Canadians with substance use problems.

Emmanuella Lambropoulos (LPC): Asked if the Government can elaborate on its historic efforts in the mobilization of industries supported by Government initiatives.

Navdeep Bains (LPC): Replied that thanks to a made-in Canada initiative businesses have been able to mobilize better than ever and increase PPE supplies, and will continue to work with Canadian businesses.

Pierre Paul-Hus (CPC): Asked when the Government will publicize the conflict of interest in terms of COVID-19 procurement committee members.

Navdeep Bains (LPC): Replied that there is a robust conflict of interest in place in respect to the task force.

Anita Anand (LPC): Replied that the Government has collaborated with partners at every level of Government and various industries in order to get the necessary equipment in fighting the pandemic.

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OTHER QUESTIONS

Shannon Stubbs (CPC): Inquired about the people receiving exemption from the 14-day quarantine at the border.

James Cumming (CPC): Asked how many workers will lose their jobs that are making products that health care workers need.

Dan Albas (CPC): Asked why the Government has not planted any trees.

Jenny Kwan (NDP): Asked if the Government will adopt the Recovery-For-All, 6-Point plan to end homelessness.

Wayne Easter (LPC): Asked what the Government is doing to rehabilitate the PEI national park from the damage caused by tropical storm Dorian.

Chris D'entremont (CPC): Asked when the Government will address locale fisheries concerns in the Acadian community of Claire.

Luc Berthold (CPC): Said that the virus is causing damage to the economy and asked what the Government is doing to prevent that.

Andreanne Larouche (BQ): Asked why seniors were left out of the Speech from the Throne. Asked why OAS funding has not been increased.

Lianne Rood (CPC): Asked what the Government plans to do to help the agriculture sector.

John Nater (CPC): Asked when Canadians in rural communities will get reliable and affordable internet.

Julie Dzerowicz (LPC): Asked how the Government plans to help women in the workforce and reach their economic potential.

Peter Kent (CPC): Asked when the Government will reform the gun ban law in order to target criminals.

Tracy Gray (CPC): Asked when the Government will be entering into negotiations with the UK in order to facilitate a new trade agreement.

Laurel Collins (NDP): Asked when the Government will address the climate crisis.

Elizabeth May (GP): Asked if the Government will shut down BC's fish farms on September 30th.

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