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Subject: Re: Min. Hajdu Remarks for Today

Do we have any more details on this?

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On Mar 18, 2020, at 11:48 AM, Belliveau, Sébastien <Sebastien.Belliveau@pmo-cpm.gc.ca> wrote:

Min. Hajdu remarks for today. Note this: However, the reality is the current situation is constantly evolving. "This is why today we also made two new diagnostic tests accessible in Canada."

Bonjour à tous,

After the aid package and the agreement with our American neighbour announced earlier today, I quickly want to speak about testing capacity.

We have been working around the clock with all provinces and territories, to make sure everyone has what they need to continue detecting and interrupting any chains of transmission.

However, the reality is the current situation is constantly evolving. This is why today we also made two new diagnostic tests accessible in Canada.

As Dr Tam as often said, early diagnosis is a critical component of slowing down the spread of the illness. And Canadians can be encouraged by the fact that the numbers of people being tested keep going up, at now over 44,000.

It's this testing, with all the efforts we are seeing from Canadians across the country, that will slow the spread of the virus.

I know changing your behaviour is not easy, but people across the country are showing us that it is possible.

I want to thank everyone who is taking action — from covering your cough, to self-isolating after travel, to donating blood. Your actions — both big and small — are important and necessary.

Keep practicing social distancing. Keep avoiding direct contacts. Keeping phoning closed ones.

Keep doing your part.

See you tomorrow.



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