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Subject:	Surgical mask donation from Taiwan

Hi,

Please see below for some more information on the Taiwan masks that came up in Question Period today.

Taiwan recently donated 400k surgical masks to the Canadian Red Cross, as well as 50k masks to the Government of Ontario, 25k masks to the Government of BC and 25k to the Government of Alberta.

The 400k surgical masks from the Canadian Red Cross were tested upon receipt, and PHAC has since confirmed that approximately 380k of the masks failed efficiency testing. The masks, however, can still be used as "face coverings", so the Red Cross has been sending them to communities and hospitals as such. GAC and P/Ts are aware of PHAC's efficiency test results.

In QP today, the Conservatives noted that Canada immediately thanked China for its supplies donation to the Red Cross and asked why Minister Champagne has refused to thank Taiwan for the donation that it made over one week ago. Minister Champagne said that we are grateful for the supplies that we have received from all nations.

For your information, Canada's trade office in Taipei did a thank you post on April 28. MPs, including Hedy Fry and Wayne Easter, also tweeted their thanks. Two days ago, Andrew Scheer tweeted his thanks, and said that "Canada and all free democracies must stand against the Community Party of China's attempts to keep Taiwan out of the World Health Organization."

Minister Ng has a long-scheduled call with her Taiwanese counterpart today to discuss another issue. She intends to mention the donation, and is planning to issue a tweet afterwards that will reiterate Canada's thanks for the Red Cross donation.

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