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Medical Procurement

Key Messages

- The whole-of-government is focused on responding to the COVID-19 outbreak, and working with partners at all levels of government, and with industry, to secure life-saving medical supplies.
- We are partnering with Canadian industry to rapidly scale up and re-tool production capacity, ensuring a reliable domestic supply to serve our needs for the short and long terms.
- We are also deepening the use of existing supply arrangements and innovative, flexible procurement approaches to accelerate Canada's response to the pandemic.

If-pressed:

- We are working through every possible channel to secure essential medical supplies, both internationally and here in Canada. We are preparing for any eventuality as the situation continues to evolve.
- While we are taking an aggressive, proactive procurement approach to secure life-saving equipment and supplies, ensuring a reliable domestic supply is a key part of avoiding shortages.
- In order to accelerate our response, we are working in parallel and collaborating with PHAC to ensure the necessary certification documents are in place while implementing flexible, innovative and fast procurement approaches.

(CMA Report/Lack of PPE for Doctors):

- We are aggressively procuring in the global marketplace to secure the life-saving equipment and supplies that Canada needs, while at the same time directly supporting Canadian industry to scale-up and re-tool to build domestic capacity.
- We are doing everything that we can in a challenging international context, but we are also increasingly seeing sources of domestic supply come online and we are working with Canadian manufacturers to get these supplies to frontline personnel as quickly as possible.

Drug Shortages)

- We understand the serious impact drug shortages can have on patients and their families.
- Our government is working with provinces, territories, and manufacturers to develop a list of critical drug shortages in Canada

- By working with manufacturers and distributors directly, Health Canada can begin to immediately address these shortages
- We are also working with our international partners to ensure our domestic supply and capacity.

STOCKPILE CONCERNS (Health Lines)

- We will continue supporting the provinces and territories as they work to supply PPE for their workers.
- While provinces and territories are providing guidance to medical personnel on the use of PPE, we are working tirelessly to ensure that we have a sufficient stockpile.
- Governments at all levels are working together to keep our healthcare workers, and Canadians, safe.

P/T Collaboration

Key Messages

- From the outset we have been working directly with provincial and territorial governments to inform our bulk buying approach.
- I am in regular contact with my provincial and territorial counterparts to ensure that we are working cohesively and collaboratively, and that they are getting the support they need.
- Our goal is to be over prepared and we are ordering supplies in anticipation of future needs, while at the same time directly supporting Canadian industry to scale-up and re-tool to build domestic capacity.

If-pressed (Roles):

- The Public Health Agency of Canada leads collaboration with federal partners, provinces and territories to identify needs and requirements for the Covid-19 response and is responsible for distribution of essential goods.
- The Agency also oversees Canada's National Emergency Strategic Stockpile, which contains supplies that provinces and territories can request in emergencies
- As the Government of Canada's central purchaser, PSPC is spearheading the consolidated purchase of emergency supplies and services required for Canada, including at the federal, provincial and territorial levels.

(Logistical Support):

- Provinces and territories are also purchasing supplies and equipment independently of the federal bulk buy.
- We are helping the provinces bring back orders they have made directly – orders from Ontario, Nova Scotia and Quebec have been on our cargo flights so far.

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