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Subject: Friendly Q on supply council

Hello,

MP Scarpalleggia planning on asking this friendly Q tomorrow. I think the wording may go a bit too far, thoughts? Will send around a draft answer for review.

My question is for the Minister of Health.

First of all, I would like to thank and congratulate the Minister of Health and the other members of the government who are working hard day and night to respond to this pandemic, both from a health and economic perspective, for their excellent work under the leadership of our Prime Minister.

Many of my constituents who work in the private sector, especially those in the retail and manufacturing industries, are wondering how they will manage when the economy reopens to get the personal protective equipment they will need to work safely.

I recognize that the government has just announced the creation of a council that will look at the issue of procurement.

Given the obvious concerns about the supply of personal protective equipment, can the Minister of Health comment on whether a direct role for the federal government in the supply chain for this critical equipment is being considered, as it is and will continue to be in huge demand, including from the private sector, especially since, unlike the health care system, the private sector does not have a centralized distribution network?

Is there any consideration being given to having the federal government supply the private sector directly, at least in part?

Sent from my iPhone