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**From:** MacKnight, Aisling (HC/SC)  
**Sent:** March 31, 2020 4:48 PM  
**To:** Souvenir, Ricardo (Ext.)  
**Cc:** Laycock, Tristan (SPAC/PSPC)  
**Subject:** RE: PPE Shortage

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Pressed send too soon... adding Tristan

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**Sent:** 2020-03-31 4:48 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: PPE Shortage

Hi Ricardo,

That specific part would be between PSPC and I, so I add Tristan. Here's our lines on medical supplies procurement:

### COVID-19 – MEDICAL SUPPLIES

- We are **all working together** to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Earlier this month, we announced funding towards the purchase of personal protective equipment and other necessary medical supplies and equipment.
- Your governments at **all** levels are **working together** to promote the appropriate use of personal protective equipment, assess potential shortfalls, identify priority items, and collaborate on procurement.
- We are **taking all action** to secure necessary equipment in real time, in direct collaboration with all provinces and territories, and with industry to identify suppliers to meet our shared needs.

#### *If pressed:*

- Products are being sourced from a number of suppliers from various countries.
- Procurement efforts will support the ramping up and building of domestic capacity, protecting jobs and securing long-term investment in Canada.
- We are building Canadian industrial capacity to serve our needs for the short and long terms. These efforts will help keep Canadians safe and healthy, while also ensuring a reliable domestic supply over the years to come.

#### *If pressed on getting products approved:*

- We are committed to expediting the review of products and safe alternatives, while maintaining the health and safety that our regulatory system is based on
- Regulatory review and approval timelines will be **accelerated** to ensure that personal protective equipment is readily available for our frontline healthcare workers.

Thanks,  
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**Subject:** PPE Shortage

Hi Ash,

I was wondering If it was your shop who add the lines that the PM said in press conference when he was ask the pressed about shortage of PPE & all countries being in a race to access them?

Than you!

Ricardo Souvenir

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