

## Leftick, Hilary

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You mention tracking 4 covid committees but only mention Anand, Bains and Freeland.

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On Apr 14, 2020, at 3:21 PM, Leftick, Hilary <[Hilary.Leftick@pmo-cpm.gc.ca](mailto:Hilary.Leftick@pmo-cpm.gc.ca)> wrote:

Hi team,

A little update for you on Ministerial Panels. Attached you will find a grid of info we have to-date. Some was collected and verified recently but we have also included past info received from Minos as well to get a big picture of the different councils we have across government. Some of these although not COVID-19 related could be leveraged for both in terms of the crisis and recovery. Things like the Poverty Reduction Council (Families, Children and Social), the Advisory Council on Jobs and the Visitor Economy (Economic Development), the Advisory committee on the charitable sector (National Revenue)

A couple Minos we have not heard back from as of yet so its not 100% up to date. Reminder emails were sent last week and were hoping to hear today. Were also hoping to hear back from Anand's office today with more details.

There are 4 covid-19 specific panels we are tracking. One interesting feature of these panels is that the Ministers are designating themselves as chairs. I think this is good for the following reasons

1. It elevates the panel and I think will allow advice to be acted upon sooner
2. It will allow ministers to ask the questions and get the advice they are looking for rather than what the department interprets what they are looking for.

Because of this I think we need to more than ever make sure the panel members get what we are trying to do/are friendly. Not trying to suggest we don't need constructive feedback but that needs to be in the context of the panel and not necessarily public. If the minister is going to put themselves as chair they will wear the advice that they are given and can't really distance themselves from the panel if we don't follow the advice given. Having said that these boards seem more like sounding boards so far rather than formal advice givers.

### **MIN Bains**

Minister Bains' Office is looking to establish an Economic Strategy Council in Response to COVID-19. This would leverage existing economic strategy tables (EST) and is not so much the creation of something new but rather a re-configuration of their current panels. It would be made up of EST chairs plus a couple other key industries that are relevant to the recovery. The panel would be chaired by Minister Bains and the focus is for business leaders to share their perspectives regarding the government's approach to combating COVID-19, they would also be used to amplify our policies and programs, would be a sounding board for the minister and aim to leverage the real world experience of these chairs in how we plan and develop a recovery plan as it relates to industry. This Council would run for a time-limited period (e.g. 60 to 90 days) and then be dissolved back into their strategy tables. After that point, the Council would dissolve and the Chairs would go back to running their sector-specific Economic Strategy Tables. I like this panel as it would take advantage of existing infrastructure (including a secretariat). We have worked with these folks for some time so a level of trust is already there. Next

steps- were waiting on a few more panel members to be developed, need to get policy's view and need the due diligence/caucus consultations and we will then put forward a more fulsome summary/recommendation.

**MIN Anand**

Minister Anand is looking to strike a Covid-19 Supply council. The point here is two-fold: mobilizing these individuals/organizations' networks to give us advice on how to do supply chain better (and help where possible) and troubleshoot areas of concern we continue to have; but also to help connect these groups and sectors as we aim to respond more to non-governmental needs. This one is a little farther out. We and policy (colleen) have some qs. Namely – part of what this panel will do is look to get to PPE to non-health care workers and want more info on how that will be framed. Current make up is mostly heads of industry associations with a members whom represent direct industry representation. We wonder how they will manage the competitors of those CEOs chosen whom may feel left out. Were unclear on how this panel will evolve if there are multiple surges in the pandemic Right now they are targeting to ask 20 people which is a big group to manage. In fairness they know some will fall off but they all may say yes, the bigger the group the more groups that aren't included feel left out so that is an issue as well. As this is a new group we would like to terms and conditions as were still a little unclear as to how this group will function. Next steps – get clarity on the mandate (we are told this is coming today)and how this council will be managed, need the DD and caucus consults and then we can present a more fulsome summary/recommendation. Also they have a past panel (the supplier advisory committee) that seems to be inactive but we are curious to see if there is overlap there.

**MIN Freeland** is working on one as well, more details soon.

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