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Think you instincts are right on the repurposed piece.

On the transfers to the P/Ts, I think that's good but keep it generic. Hundreds of thousands of items including gowns, face shields, etc.

I'd stay away from the 3M piece, it just seems too small for the PM to **announce**.

If we're good to include info on Zoll, I'm all for it.

On gowns, we can say domestic production continues to ramp up, we now have 20+ contracts with Canadian companies including a new one with Samuelhson out of Montreal...

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Hello! Vve copy pasted Min Anand's draft remarks for tmrw. Her team is working on shortening them. Vve highlighted the points that I think we could potentially use.

I'm thinking:

In the last week, we've doubled the number of surgical masks & face shields in Canada's possession

- o **Unclear if they've all been tested but still a good number?**
- o **PSPC believes 50% of the face shields are from Cdn producers but they're triple checking; if that's the case, may be good to include too**

15 thousand litres of hand sanitizer is a good #

- **Medical gowns from Samuelhson out of Mtl which will start coming off the line at the end of this month**

- Receipt of deliveries from ZOLL for vents, with more on the way

Just a flag for you that in Minister Anand's remarks, she says that 1.8m of the faulty KN95s have been repurposed & deployed. Probably fine but IDK if that's the kind of thing we'd want the PM to mention?

HC also shared that as of last night, the following products have been and/or are in progress of being delivered to P/Ts:

- N95s: 128,480
Gowns: 135,980
- Gloves: 1,631,000
- Face shields: 1,775,780
Swabs: 75,000

So perhaps PM can also say:

Thousands of 3M N95 masks to P/Ts are being delivered with hundreds of thousands more on the way in the next few weeks, same with over 1.6m gowns & over 1.7m face shields & 75k swabs so P/Ts can continue to ramp up their testing.

Let me know your thoughts and I'll share w Astrid afterwards. O

Sabrina

Draft — Minister Anand Remarks
Presser for COVID-19 Update
May 16, 2020

Thank you, Minister X

As Canadians continue to make huge sacrifices to curb the spread of COVID-19, our government continues to aggressively pursue much needed equipment and supplies to see Canadians through the pandemic.

Even as we see some Canadians going back to work, parts of the economy beginning to restart — Public Services and Procurement Canada's strategy remains the same: to continue buying proactively in a highly competitive market.

As I have said from the beginning: operating in the current market comes with certain risks.

Our government therefore places considerable importance on testing to ensure that the products we purchase meet Canadian standards.

Most of the products we have obtained pass the tests and meet or exceed our requirements.

We have, as we have said, experienced issues one order of KN-95 masks.

We addressed those issues and ensured those masks did not get into the hands of health care professionals.

This shows that our system is effective and working.

We also have repurposed 1.8-million of those masks for use in non-medical settings. Our Government continues to adjust our processes and apply lessons learned along the way to further mitigate risks.

For example, we are now bringing in samples of large orders of certain supplies to verify they meet Canada's standards before shipping the entire order.

If they pass, the rest of the order is shipped — and then Public Health still test every batch as it arrives in Canada.

It is important to note that it is impossible to eliminate all risk when securing equipment quickly in a fiercely competitive global market.

But we are taking no chances in ensuring the safety and effectiveness of that equipment before it is sent to provinces and territories for use by front-line workers.

We are making progress despite the challenges of very complex international supply chains. Our website provides weekly updates on this progress.

You will see these numbers fluctuate at times as orders or contracts may be canceled or amended in response to global pressures.

Given the current environment in which we are operating, this is expected, and it is why we continue to buy aggressively.

Notwithstanding these fluctuations, the trend-lines are moving in the right direction.

In the past week alone:

- We have almost doubled the number of face shields we have.
- We more than doubled the number surgical masks.
- And brought in more than 15-thousand litres of hand sanitizer

We have also received a large order of Zoll ventilators from the United States, and we are expecting more.

And we aren't taking our foot off the gas pedal.

We have orders in for hundreds-of-millions of further PPE and other medical supplies. At the same time, Canadian companies are continuing to ramp up production.

Made-in-Canada face shields, components for testing and ventilators are starting to arrive and will increase over time.

Companies such as Medicom will be producing N95 and surgical masks right here at home in the next months.

I am pleased to announce we have signed a new contract for millions of medical gowns from Samuelsohn, out of Montreal, with deliveries starting at the end of the month.

This is in addition to gowns being produced in Canada by Stanfield's, Canada Goose and Logistik Unicorp.

Together with my colleague Minister Bains, we are ensuring our domestic capabilities continue to grow through our Government's Plan to Mobilize Industry to fight COVID-19.

With the pandemic entering a new phase involving a gradual lifting of the lockdown, we know personal protective equipment will continue to be in demand.

It is important to maintain active and strong cooperation with the provinces and territories and within government.

We will need to do the same in terms of our ability to innovate and take advantage of proven practices.

Our COVID-19 Supply Council will play an important role in advising on the procurement of critical goods and services in the future.

As demanding is going up—we are keeping up.

In closing, I would just like to say: Health workers have enough to focus on without having to worry about the equipment they use.

That is why our government has implemented so many levels of quality assurance and testing.

I want to assure them they can have confidence in every piece of PPE coming out of federal warehouses to be distributed by provinces and territories.

Thank you.

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