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Hi MO,

Please find attached the **very latest** Q&As revised – we’ve added new Qs, which you will also find below

### **Q. How are the Vaccine Task Force’s recommendations made to the Government of Canada? (ISED Lead)**

The Vaccine Task Force (VTF) has been providing advice on prioritizing leading vaccine projects in Canada; identifying international vaccine candidates of interest to Canada and considering options to manufacture the most promising COVID-19 vaccines.

Recommendations from the VTF are made to the Government of Canada via the Minister of Health and the Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry.

The VTF has also reviewed the most advanced international vaccine candidates and related available data and recommended to the Minister of Health, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, and Minister of Public Services and Procurement Canada a prioritized list for procurement. This advice has been used to inform Ministers’ decisions on Canada’s procurement strategy for COVID-19 vaccines.

### **Q. Did Chris Procyshyn, Chief Executive Officer and co-founder of Vanrx Pharmasystems, recuse himself from discussions around the recommendation of the purchase of the Vanrx biomanufacturing machinery?**

Vaccine Task Force member Chris Procyshyn, Chief Executive Officer and co-founder of Vanrx Pharmasystems, formally recused himself from the discussion related to the potential purchase of Vanrx biomanufacturing machinery. He did not participate in any discussions related to the drafting, review or approval of the recommendation related to the purchase.

The Vaccine Task Force is committed to transparency and has a robust conflict of interest process in place. The process is consistent with the practices of other volunteer external advisory bodies to government and embodies international best practices. Given the significant interest in the Vaccine Task Force’s process, the Task Force is taking the exceptional step of publishing a registry of declared interests. The registry will be updated on the National Research Council’s website following each vaccine announcement by the Government of Canada that is based on a Task Force recommendation.

### **Q. Did the government buy any VanRx machines? If so, where and when will these machines go?**

One machine was purchased by the National Research Council of Canada (NRC) and two machines were purchased by the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC). The NRC machine has already been delivered and is being installed. The PHAC machines will be delivered in 2021, between the end of January and May.

**Thank you,**

**France Gionet**

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