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Sent: April 6, 2020 5:52 PM
To: 'Pierce.collier@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca'
Subject: FW: PSPC Lines - Apr 6, 2020 - PPE for Long-Term Care Homes

Hello--Do you have any lines on protecting health and safety of seniors?

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Subject: Re: PSPC Lines - Apr 6, 2020 - PPE for Long-Term Care Homes

Thanks. This is a brutal story. Adding seniors and some of my colleagues.

Just given how much larger of a problem this is getting with health authorities increasingly advising that PPE protects the general public, it feels weird that there's nothing we can do to help offset the ballooning costs.

But if there is nothing else we can point to on the procurement side today (I understand your Minister is going to soon be in a position where she can procure for these folks but that we can't publicly communicate that yet) then can you guys work with seniors to build in some compassionate lines about caring for the most vulnerable in our society?

Also, seniors do you have an ETA from your officials on when your Minister will be responding to the letter that was mentioned in the story?

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On Apr 6, 2020, at 8:13 AM, Laycock, Tristan (SPAC/PSPC) <tristan.laycock@canada.ca<mailto:tristan.laycock@canada.ca>> wrote:

Hello—Sending our procurement lines on this. From PSPC's perspective, we aren't able to say more than we're ensuring all PTs are well supplied, and of course the domestic capacity angle in the medium/long-term. Copying Ash. Long-term care homes are being offered masks and gloves, but only if they can pay big<<https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/coronavirus/long-term-care-homes-are-being-offered-masks-and-gloves-but-only-if-they-can-pay-big-1.4883605>> (CTV News)

* The whole-of-government is focused on responding to the COVID-19 outbreak, and working with partners at all levels of government, and with industry, to identify priority items and secure necessary supplies in real time.

- * We are partnering with Canadian industry to rapidly scale up and re-tool production capacity, ensuring a reliable domestic supply to serve our needs for the short and long terms.
- * We are also deepening the use of existing supply arrangements and innovative, flexible procurement approaches to accelerate Canada's response to the pandemic.
- * We stand ready to take further action and adapt our approach as the situation evolves.

If-pressed:

- * We recognize that some of these goods are in high demand around the world, and we are leveraging existing sources of supply while also proactively engaging industry to help meet Canada's needs.
- * We are taking an aggressive, proactive approach to secure life-saving equipment, and pursuing every possible avenue to ensure that Canada has diversified sources of supply. We are at the same time directly supporting Canadian industry to scale-up and re-tool to build domestic capacity.
- * We are investing \$2 billion to purchase ventilators and protective personal equipment, and to support diagnostic testing.
- * Our goal is to be over prepared and we are ordering supplies in anticipation of future needs, to ensure they are available for provinces, territories, frontline health workers and Canadians.

If-pressed (Provinces in need):

- * We have placed significant orders for PPE and we are working hard to make sure we have that equipment to distribute to every province and territory that needs it, as quickly as possible.
- * This is a Canada-wide effort and the Premiers are doing extraordinary work. We are working through every possible channel at all levels of government in order to secure the essential medical supplies that Canada needs. Our goal is to be over prepared and we are ordering supplies in anticipation of future needs.

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