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From: Laycock, Tristan (SPAC/PSPC)
Sent: May 6, 2020 12:54 AM
To: Harris, Emily (SPAC/PSPC)
Cc: Lockington, Elliott (SPAC/PSPC); Gerasimov, Boyan (SPAC/PSPC); Mullan-Boudreau, Caitlin (SPAC/PSPC); Roy, Cecely (SPAC/PSPC); fitz-morris, James (SPAC/PSPC)
Subject: Re: Friendly Q on supply council

Boyan/Caitlin, are you good with this?

- In order to reopen the economy, we need to know that Canadians are safe.
- While our foremost focus is on the needs of frontline workers and Canada's health professionals, we are also actively exploring how the federal government could help organizations that provide essential services access the PPE their workers need.
- The COVID-19 Supply Council is another tool to ensure that Canada is well equipped with the PPE and medical supplies that we need today and moving forward.
- We are bringing together a group of leaders from the private and non-profit sectors who will provide advice on further establishing diversified and adaptable supply chains for key items like masks, gloves and disinfectants as this situation continues to evolve.
- This council builds on our collaborative approach to help us address current and future supply needs.
- In leveraging their experience and networks, they will provide valuable input on how to best streamline and strengthen our government's work in building essential sources of supply, and ensure that Canadians have access to what they need to stay safe and healthy as we move forward.
- Our government is working every step of the way with provinces and territories, workers and businesses, to ensure we are taking the actions necessary to address the impacts of COVID-19, and ensure Canadians are well protected.

Q:

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On May 5, 2020, at 21:57, Harris, Emily (SPAC/PSPC) <emily.harris@canada.ca> wrote:

Adding James.

Question edits :

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Response could be our supply council lines + reopening lines, including active conversations about how best the feds can support PTs.

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This is very strong.

- Elliott

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From: "Laycock, Tristan (SPAC/PSPC)" <tristan.laycock@canada.ca>

Date: 2020-05-05 8:54 p.m. (GMT-05:00)

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Hello,

MP Scarpalleggia planning on asking this friendly tomorrow. I think the wording may go a bit too far, thoughts? Will send around a draft answer for review.

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