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Good morning, below are two MP inquiries that were with MinO for concurrence. The two are stemming from past PHAC technical briefs.

The attached responses have been updated to be current following the passage of time. - the changes are not substantive.

As these two do not feature signature blocks, following your concurrence, we recommend that they be issued from James. Do you agree?

1.

[Response to MP Hughes - PHAC technical briefing - June 9 2020 \(003\).docx](#)

The question, posed June 9, is as follows:

**Carol Hughes (NDP, Algoma—Manitoulin—Kapuskasing) – On PSPC, I received an email from a business owner in my riding, who spoke to DG Louis Martin at PSPC. The PSPC official told the business owner to keep his production of disinfectant for the next 6 months because PSPC would purchase it. However, they were never followed up with. The company is called Pepco. Will the government call them and give them the contract they promised?
PHAC – We will take this back to PSPC.**

2.

[Response to MP Cannings.docx](#)

During the call on Tuesday, May 26 MP Richard Cannings (NDP - South Okanagan-West Kootenay) asked the following question, which was responded to by PHAC and ISED:

MP Richard Cannings (NDP - South Okanagan-West Kootenay): A company called True North in my riding is making hand sanitizer; they are not selling it but giving it away to groups that need it. They are wondering if there is any federal funding they can get to recoup the cost of their supplies. They don't want to get into the hand sanitizer retail market. In April, they were contacted by the federal government and flagged as a preferred Canadian supplier for hand sanitizer and masks, so went ahead and found suppliers for mask materials and have them waiting, but have not heard back from

federal government with any firm contract to supply masks. Where is this process at? They are anxious to get going on making masks but won't move ahead if they don't have firm commitment from the federal government to do this.

- *PHAC: Will take your question back to PSPC.*
- *ISED: We are working with PSPC and PHAC on sourcing materials. Will have to take a look into federal funding on hand sanitizer. Appreciate all Canadian manufacturers that have stepped up. Will need to take a look at the database and speak to some colleagues about the mask situation. We will get back to you; probably directly to the MP to ensure business confidentiality.*

Thank you

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