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Sam

I thought it might be helpful to give you a brief update on the BEIS contribution to the PPE taskforce. This is partly prompted by the attached email from DIT colleagues which suggests SoS may be at risk of downplaying the contribution that we have made in his discussions across government. My weekly catch ups with him have not happened in recent weeks and I suspect he may not be fully sighted or had a chance to read the weekly updates. It would be helpful, should you get the opportunity, to remind him that we have a very positive story to tell. Also, I have discussed with Julian and Paul Deighton how I see the BEIS role developing over the next few weeks, and what the exit strategy looks like, so will cover that below as well.

I have a team of 10 staff, including one DD, mobilised from across the department but with a significant contribution from the excellent civil nuclear and resilience team. I have also called on ad hoc advice and support from particular teams, for example, the chemical team on the supply of raw materials. We are working with colleagues from across Government including DHSC, NHS, Cabinet Office and DIT. To put this in context, there was a team of nearly 500 people, including MOD logistics, when the crisis first hit. There are now around 120-150 with the large number of DHSC funded consultants gradually being replaced by permanent staff as we move to steady state.

Pre-Covid, UK manufacturers supplied less than 1 per cent of the PPE used by NHS and social care. We now have contracts in place with UK manufacturers across 8 of the 10 categories and expect UK manufacturing to be supplying 20% of our significantly increased UK demand over the next 12 months. Most of these manufacturers are making PPE for the first time and have benefited from a range of government support (CBILs, support with sourcing raw materials and machinery to convert processes and specialist advice from the manufacturing catapults). The contracts with government have enabled the 25-30 UK companies with direct contracts to bring back furloughed staff and in many cases take on new staff (e.g. one company in the West Midlands has doubled its workforce with an additional 220 staff and with the help of the local catapult has moved to 24/7 production).

The immediate challenge of PPE shortages has now largely been met with a combination of UK make and new internationally sourced supplies. DIT have played a significant role in the latter. We are now turning to the longer-term