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**Subject:** SUB 1129-2020 RE: LOGGED ON KN SUB 1129 RE: Letter of Authority  
**Importance:** High

Mark

Further to the query below from the First Minister, please see response below that has been cleared and approved by the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Health:

1. The DHSC and Cabinet Office's Complex Transaction Team have been very supportive of the DoF/DoH approach to sourcing PPE directly from China. From next week the NI team in Beijing will be integrated with the British embassy procurement teams in support of the sourcing of PPE for NI. This will be part of the overall UK response to maximising the sourcing for PPE across the UK and will not jeopardise and supply from the UK government. The integration of the teams in the embassy will ensure DHSC has a full picture of the PPE that will be available. Tim Losty will manage the relationship with the UK embassy at a senior level and as part of the Crisis Management logistics and procurement team
2. Given the global demand for PPE and the shortages of supply for some items, It is inevitable that unit prices will be higher. However given these conditions the price is reasonable. Appropriate checks and balances have been undertaken in this regard.

Thanks

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DoF and DoH Private Offices,

The First Minister has sought assurances from your Ministers that:

1. This consignment will have no detrimental impact on the NI share of the UK wide consignment; and
2. That this contract provides reasonable value for money.

I'd appreciate an early reply.

Many thanks.

Mark

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Thanks [REDACTED] NR

TEO – over to you – it would be great if this could issue before press conference at 4.30pm.

Thanks, [REDACTED] NR

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