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Subject: RE: Query on Ayanda Capital PPE masks

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Amazing, thanks Martin. Please see the response to Cassie's query on Ayanda Capital below-

A Department of Health and Social Care spokesperson said:

"Our priority throughout the pandemic has been saving lives. We ordered over 30 billion items during the initial response to the pandemic, and we have delivered over 25 billion items of PPE to frontline staff and other eligible users to keep them safe.

"We are seeking to recover costs from suppliers wherever possible to ensure taxpayer value for money. We are working through disputed contracts to find ways to enable the PPE to be used, replaced or refunded."

BACKGROUND

- The products from Ayanda Capital were not classified as unfit for use and were available in the PPE supply chain. There is no dispute with the supplier. This contract was not disputed and was fulfilled in its entirety.
- Although not a preferred product for the NHS, this type of face covering was used in other healthcare settings.
- The FFP2s were held in the 'Do Not Supply' category - this is a broad category that includes any product that is not being pushed to the frontline NHS. But the PPE supplied was perfectly suitable and was available for use in other healthcare settings, as well as for sales and donations.
- Only 3% of all PPE stock ordered was not fit for any use.
- Where a contract has been found to have underperformed, or the PPE provided was not up to standard, the department is working to reach a successful outcome with the supplier.
- We are seeking to recover costs from suppliers wherever possible to ensure taxpayer value for money. For example, the Department is working through disputed contracts to find ways to enable the PPE to be used, replaced or refunded.

Thanks,

Neethu