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Subject: For MO Approval - Media response / LEAD: AB-COMM / Tier 1 - COVID-19 - Procurement of masks and ventilators / Financial Post

Good morning ladies,

For MO approval, please.

Thank you,

Stéfanie

Media heads-up

Financial Post

Jackson, Emily (Financial Post)

Date call received: March-31-20 at 12:45

Deadline: March-31-20 at 16:00 (Has filed, will update her piece once she gets our response)

Tier 1 - COVID-19 - Procurement of masks and ventilators

CONTEXT (for your information):

Further to the Prime Ministers announcement regarding new partnerships with Canadian industries, the reporter has questions related to masks and ventilators.

The story will be going up online shortly. She has indicated her article will be updated as soon as the information is received. **The print deadline is 4 pm.**

Reference: <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/31/prime-minister-announces-new-partnerships-canadian-industries-fight>

Q1. How many masks did PSPC order from Medicom?

Q2. How many tests did PSPC order from Spartan?

Q3. How many ventilators did PSPC order from Thornhill?

PROPOSED RESPONSE (for your approval):

The Government is taking an aggressive, proactive procurement approach to fulfill immediate and future requirements. This includes buying in bulk from reputable

distributors, to secure key items like masks and ventilators, which are in high global demand.

Given the highly fluid nature of this situation, we are not providing details about orders with specific suppliers.

To date, the Government of Canada has ordered more than 157 million surgical masks (including some from Medicom), and more than 1,500 ventilators (including a portion from Thornhill Medical).

In addition, we have placed orders for enough test kits to test millions of Canadians, some of which will come from Spartan Bioscience.

Previously response on procurement provided March 30, 2020.

Our number one priority, right now, is getting the supplies needed, as quickly as possible, to protect public health. As the COVID-19 situation is very fluid and evolving rapidly every day, so are the requirements and orders.

We are exploring options for how we can report information related to these procurements—balancing our collective desire for transparency with the realities we are all facing at this time.