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**From:** Tumilty, Ryan <rtumilty@postmedia.com>  
**Sent:** October 15, 2020 6:32 PM  
**To:** fitz-morris, James (SPAC/PSPC)  
**Subject:** Re: Interview?

Thanks James,

So, I am doing a story about the 40,000 ventilators you guys have ordered. I am sure you have seen based on the most recent data only 725 have been delivered.

I am wondering firstly if the government is concerned about the lack of deliveries so far?

Throughout even the worst of the pandemic, there has never been a strain on ICU beds or ventilators, in hindsight, I am also wondering if you think you may have over ordered when it comes to ventilators?

Hoping you can get me an answer by 3 p.m. tomorrow.

Thanks

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**From:** fitz-morris, James (SPAC/PSPC) <james.fitz-morris@canada.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 15, 2020 3:05 PM  
**To:** Tumilty, Ryan <rtumilty@postmedia.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Interview?

Hi -  
I don't think the interview is going to work this week.  
You can send you question along – they might need to go to ISED depending what you are looking for.  
They are lead in terms of the made-in-Canada component on this file.

Thanks!  
James

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**From:** Tumilty, Ryan [mailto:rtumilty@postmedia.com]  
**Sent:** October 15, 2020 12:17 PM  
**To:** fitz-morris, James (SPAC/PSPC) <james.fitz-morris@canada.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Interview?

Understand.

I only have a few questions, so if the interview isn't possible let me know and I'll shoot you the questions, perhaps you can do a statement.

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**From:** fitz-morris, James (SPAC/PSPC) <james.fitz-morris@canada.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 15, 2020 11:40 AM  
**To:** Tumilty, Ryan <rtumilty@postmedia.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Interview?

Hi there –

Let me see what I can swing but it is going to be pretty tough. The Min's schedule is a little bit silly today and tomorrow.

Thanks,  
James

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**From:** Tumilty, Ryan [<mailto:rtumilty@postmedia.com>]  
**Sent:** October 15, 2020 11:21 AM  
**To:** fitz-morris, James (SPAC/PSPC) <[james.fitz-morris@canada.ca](mailto:james.fitz-morris@canada.ca)>  
**Subject:** Fw: Interview?

Hi James,

I sent this to Cecely, but I guess she is having a well-deserved break.

I am working on a story about ventilator purchases, the government has ordered 40,000 of the machines, wondering if the minister might be available for a quick phone interview today or early tomorrow.

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**From:** Tumilty, Ryan  
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**To:** Cecely Roy <[cecely.roy@canada.ca](mailto:cecely.roy@canada.ca)>  
**Subject:** Interview?

Hey Cecely,

Don't know if you got my text, but I am working on a story this week about ventilators and all the orders Canada made? Wondering if the minister might be available for a quick phone interview?

-Ryan

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