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**Subject:** Media Heads-Up / Tier 1 - COVID-19 - Contract with BYD / The Wall Street Journal

The following media request has been identified as **Tier 1**.

Communications sector will work with your group to develop the first draft response. New information not previously approved should be identified in purple.

Highest level of approval: **MO**

**Program ADM approved response: May-12-20 at 14:00**

### **Media heads-up**

**The Wall Street Journal**

**Lin, Liza (The Wall Street Journal)**

**Date call received: May-11-20 at 10:20**

**Deadline: May-13-20 at 17:00**

Tier 1 - COVID-19 - Contract with BYD

### **CONTEXT (for your information):**

The reporter would like an interview to chat about BYD's masks. She has heard that the government of Canada had signed a procurement deal with BYD.

She is working on a story about a profile on how BYD pivoted from making electric cars and buses to managing to provide KN95 masks to U.S., Canadian governments and companies.

There is a lot of interest from their readers on who this company is, and hence the story.

She's been made aware this might be difficult to provide an interview, and we suggested a written response. Due to time difference, we are still waiting for her answer.

### **VALUE STATEMENT:**

**QUESTIONS / RESPONSES:**

**Q1. What products are being sourced (N95, KN95, regular surgical masks)?**

**Q2. Why did the government of Canada choose BYD (it's a carmaker not a PPE maker after all)?**

**Q3. How did the Canadian government get in touch with BYD (or did BYD get in touch?)**

**Q4. Did/Will the government test BYD products?**