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**Sent:** May 13, 2020 2:38 PM  
**To:** Harris, Emily (SPAC/PSPC); Roy, Cecely (SPAC/PSPC); fitz-morris, James (SPAC/PSPC)  
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**Subject:** For MO Approval: Media Response / Tier 1 - COVID-19: Decrease orders on the website / The Globe and Mail

Good afternoon Cecely, Emily and James,

For your approval, please. [New info.](#)

Thanks,  
Marc

### Media heads-up

#### The Globe and Mail

Walsh, Marieke (The Globe and Mail)

Date call received: May-11-20 at 13:30

**Deadline: May-12-20 at 11:00 (firm)**

Tier 1 - COVID-19: Decrease orders on the website

**CONTEXT** (for your information): The reporter contacted the Minister's Office asking why the number of ventilators ordered has dropped from 32,070 to 29,570.

The reporter is wondering if there is a connection with the decrease number of ventilator orders and the domestic supply. The reporter said the Starfish contract of 30k may not be fully ordered.

Deadline to the reporter is firm, and MO will provide the response.

### VALUE STATEMENT:

The Government of Canada is collaborating with provinces and territories on an ongoing basis to identify their needs and purchase required equipment, supplies, and services to combat COVID-19.

Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) is taking an aggressive approach to buying—especially when it comes to personal protective equipment for frontline healthcare workers. This includes:

- Ordering ahead in bulk on behalf of provinces and territories
- Supplementing those orders by purchasing limited-availability supplies that are immediately available;
- Ramping up the domestic manufacturing capacity, through the Plan to Mobilize Industry to fight COVID-19, being led by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada.

This is over and above the efforts provinces and territories are taking to secure their own supply.

**Q1. Can you please tell me why the number of ventilators ordered has dropped from 32,070 to 29,570?**

PSPC corrected an administrative error in the previous calculation. This resulted in a decrease in the number of ventilators ordered.

**Q2. Additionally, why was the order for N95 masks also lowered?**

The lower number of N95 respirators ordered is due to contract cancellations and amendments.