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From: Tumilty, Ryan <rtumilty@postmedia.com>
Sent: October 16, 2020 4:37 PM
To: fitz-morris, James (SPAC/PSPC)
Subject: Re: Interview?

I didn't ask the department about whether in hindsight Canada may have over ordered on ventilators. That seemed more like a political question.

From: fitz-morris, James (SPAC/PSPC) <james.fitz-morris@canada.ca>
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2020 4:34 PM
To: Tumilty, Ryan <rtumilty@postmedia.com>
Subject: Re: Interview?

I just told the dept to send what they have.

On Oct 16, 2020, at 4:20 PM, Tumilty, Ryan <rtumilty@postmedia.com> wrote:

Hey man,

Our deadlines have become much more solid during the pandemic. Everyone working from home sort of gums up the works.

I am really going to need the answer in the next 30 minutes.

From: fitz-morris, James (SPAC/PSPC) <james.fitz-morris@canada.ca>
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2020 3:33 PM
To: Tumilty, Ryan <rtumilty@postmedia.com>
Subject: RE: Interview?

I've almost got it unstuck – hopefully coming really soon.

For your planning purposes, I can tell you we now have 3,210 ventilators delivered. However, we aren't going to be able to give you a breakdown of each contract and, in terms of quantities ordered, ISED and Health are better positioned to answer that. PSPC doesn't make these kinds of determinations – we act on the advice of PHAC and, when it comes to domestic manufacturing, ISED as well.

From: Tumilty, Ryan [mailto:rtumilty@postmedia.com]
Sent: October 16, 2020 3:24 PM
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Subject: Re: Interview?

Just checking in on my response?

Can I expect that soon?

From: fitz-morris, James (SPAC/PSPC) <james.fitz-morris@canada.ca>
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2020 7:22 PM
To: Tumilty, Ryan <rtumilty@postmedia.com>
Subject: Re: Interview?

Yep - will get responses to these.

One quick point though is that our webpage is out of date - really hoping to update next week. I'll get you a more precise number tomorrow - but total ventilators received to date is a little over 3000.

James

On Oct 15, 2020, at 6:32 PM, Tumilty, Ryan <rtumilty@postmedia.com> wrote:

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

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

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.

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

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>
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
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2020 11:19 AM
To: Cecely Roy <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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