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**From:** Media <media@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** October 16, 2020 2:26 PM  
**To:** fitz-morris, James (SPAC/PSPC); Roy, Cecely (SPAC/PSPC)  
**Cc:** Jean-François Létourneau; Me'Shel Gulliver Bélanger; Elizabeth Lindsay; James Stott; Sara Lacasse; Rachel Lagacé; Renee Harden; Media  
**Subject:** RE: For MO Approval: Media Response / Tier 1 - Signature of Memorandum to the DM / HuffPost (Canada)

Hi James,

Her contact info:  
343-996-2251  
[ziann.lum@huffpost.com](mailto:ziann.lum@huffpost.com)

Here is the response that was sent to her on October 13:

We can confirm that the approach outlined in the memo was approved.

Given the global nature of the pandemic and the severe competition for goods early on, we needed to protect the names of suppliers for certain hard-to-procure commodities, such as N95 respirators, nitrile gloves and swabs, to ensure these sources of supply remained available to us.

However, the procurement environment has since evolved. We have secured more than 2 billion articles of various personal protective equipment, and we will continue to receive steady, ongoing deliveries into the coming months. We are also continuing to leverage domestic supply chains wherever possible, with more than 40 percent of the total value of PPE contracts going to domestic companies.

In line with this new reality, and consistent with our commitment to transparency, we are now disclosing the majority of our COVID-19 contracting information on our [web page](#) as well as through normal proactive disclosure requirements. In limited cases, certain contract details cannot be disclosed, for example to protect commercial confidentiality of suppliers.

Thank you  
Stefanie  
819-576-4705

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**From:** fitz-morris, James (SPAC/PSPC) [mailto:james.fitz-morris@canada.ca]  
**Sent:** October 16, 2020 2:11 PM  
**To:** Media ; Cecely Roy  
**Cc:** Jean-François Létourneau ; Me'Shel Gulliver Bélanger ; Elizabeth Lindsay ; James Stott ; Sara Lacasse ; Rachel Lagacé ; Renee Harden  
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Hi,  
  
The reporter has filed and incorrectly states that we are presently withholding the contract information.

[https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/entry/covid-19-contracts-national-security-exemption\\_ca\\_5f89c08cc5b69daf5e12c0cc?utm\\_hp\\_ref=ca-politics&guccounter=1](https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/entry/covid-19-contracts-national-security-exemption_ca_5f89c08cc5b69daf5e12c0cc?utm_hp_ref=ca-politics&guccounter=1)

Can someone please contact her immediately for a correction?  
Or send me her contact info?

Thanks,

James

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**From:** Media [<mailto:media@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca>]

**Sent:** October 10, 2020 9:34 AM

**To:** Roy, Cecely (SPAC/PSPC) <[cecely.roy@canada.ca](mailto:cecely.roy@canada.ca)>; fitz-morris, James (SPAC/PSPC) <[james.fitz-morris@canada.ca](mailto:james.fitz-morris@canada.ca)>

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Good morning Cecely,

For MO approval, please.

A copy of the note has also been attached to this email.

Thanks,

Stéfanie Hamel  
819-576-4705

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**Media response**

**HuffPost (Canada)**

**Lum, Zi-Ann (HuffPost (Canada))**

**Date call received: October-06-20 at 10:10**

**Deadline: October-09-20 at 17:00 (followed up)**

Tier 1 - Signature of Memorandum to the DM

**CONTEXT (for your information):**

The reporter submitted an ATIP request (A2020-00135) through which she obtained a copy of a Memorandum to the Deputy Minister from ADM Stott to DM Matthews, that appears to be unsigned by Mr. Matthews. The reporter emailed Mr. Matthews directly in an attempt to obtain more information on the Memorandum.

## **VALUE STATEMENT:**

## **QUESTIONS / RESPONSES:**

**Q1. What was DM Matthews response to the document? Did he "agree" or "disagree" with the note?**

**Q2. What happened next?**

### **Proposed response:**

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