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**Subject:** Media Heads-Up / Tier 1 - PPE suppliers and contracts / The Globe and Mail

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: October-08-20 at 12:00

**Media heads-up**  
**The Globe and Mail**  
**Walsh, Marieke (The Globe and Mail)**  
**Date call received: October-06-20 at 19:15**  
**Deadline: October-09-20 at 17:00**  
Tier 1 - PPE suppliers and contracts

**CONTEXT** (for your information): The reporter had contacted us in May and wanted a list of all of the contracts the government had signed in relation to COVID 19 and whether they were put out to tender or sole-sourced. The Minister's Office had provided a response on May 22.

She came back with the same question and we invited her to check out the following links:

[COVID-19 contract information](#)  
[Supplying Canada's response to COVID-19](#)

She has now more precise questions, especially which contracts were sole-sourced.

**VALUE STATEMENT:**

**QUESTIONS / RESPONSES:**

**Q1. Under the summary of aggregate procurements it says current as of July 16, 2020. Does that mean that all of the tables below are also current as of that date? I don't see a date with each of the subsequent tables.**

**Q2. Are the amounts posted the spending to date or the total value of the contracts signed?**

**Q3. Can you please still clarify which of these contracts were sole-sourced? Or if you can't provide that for each contract can you please tell me the total dollar value of sole-sourced contracts as well as the total number of sole sourced contracts?**

**Q4. Additionally, can you tell me if all of the new contracts are being awarded through an open tender?**

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Response provided to the reporter by the Minister's Office on May 22, 2020:

"As Canadians go back to work and the economy restarts, our strategy remains the same: to buy PPE proactively in a highly competitive market. Our approach in contracting, both domestically and internationally, is to ensure that we have procured a steady supply of goods for frontline healthcare workers in the short and long term. As demand is going up, Canada is keeping up."

*- Hon. Minister Anita Anand, Minister of Public Services and Procurement*

To be clear, we have not suspended our ordering. So far for the month of May, we have placed orders for approximately 6.5 million masks from a range of suppliers.

In partnership with the Public Health Agency of Canada alongside provinces and territories, we are continuing to place bulk orders for PPE and medical supplies in anticipation of short term and long term needs. This has been our approach from the outset. As we continue to build up and strengthen Canada's supply chains for essential items like masks and gowns, we continue to see deliveries arriving from manufacturers internationally and domestically at a consistent pace.

In particular, over the last two months, we established an A to Z procurement approach to bring in goods from international manufacturers. This approach includes navigating the complex supply chain environment and ensuring that Canada's demands for these life-saving supplies are met. Canada has received 36 plane loads of PPE and medical supplies to date. In addition, domestic manufacturing has ramped up with deliveries of face shields, hand sanitizer and gowns already underway.

*- Attributable to the Minister's Office*