

## **Lockington, Elliott (SPAC/PSPC)**

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**From:** Roy, Cecely (SPAC/PSPC)  
**Sent:** March 23, 2020 4:33 PM  
**To:** Church, Leslie (SPAC/PSPC)  
**Cc:** Harris, Emily (SPAC/PSPC); Laycock, Tristan (SPAC/PSPC); Murdock, Kelly (SPAC/PSPC)  
**Subject:** For Review - Media Heads-Up / Tier 1 - COVID-19: Chinese manufacturers / The Globe and Mail

His Leslie,

I am sending on our proposed responses below along with the relevant questions.

This has been flagged up with Sabrina as well. GAC was engaged on the response for the questions on Chinese suppliers at the officials level and I have a heads to my counterpart in mino.

The Globe's firm deadline is 5 pm, so apologies for the short turn around, but please let know if we need to amend this.

Thanks!  
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### **QUESTIONS:**

**VanderKlippe, Nathan (The Globe and Mail– correspondent in Beijing)**

**Q1. How many Chinese manufacturers have now been documented as potential suppliers of medical equipment at the moment?**

**Q2. Roughly what percentage of those suppliers have already been contacted by Canadian authorities?**

**Q3. What percentage of Chinese suppliers have already received orders for medical supplies?**

**Q4. Given the race to secure proper supplies, is the Canadian government responding quickly enough to make orders in China – particularly as other countries make orders that could push Canada down in the queue?**

**CBC Montreal - Deir, Annie (CBC Montreal)**

**Q1. Can I get a statement from PSPC on what the department does to support the government in the fight against COVID-19?**

**Response:**

The health and safety of Canadians is the government's top priority as we respond to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) is supporting the whole-of-government response to COVID-19 by spearheading the consolidated purchase of emergency equipment, supplies and services for federal, provincial and territorial needs.

We have stood up a dedicated team of procurement specialists who are tapping into existing supply arrangements and employing innovative, flexible approaches to make sure Canada has the equipment, supplies and services it needs to effectively respond. This flexible procurement approach includes a proactive call-out, posted to [buyandsell.gc.ca](https://buyandsell.gc.ca), calling all potential suppliers to come forward with products and/or services they could offer to support Canada's response.

We have already purchased a broad range of personal protective equipment and supplies, including swabs, tests kits, gloves, masks and gowns, and we continue to work with available suppliers, **domestically and internationally**, who have the capacity to respond to Canada's needs.

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**Toronto Star**

**Oved, Marco (Toronto Star)**

**Date call received: March-23-20 at 14:10**

**Deadline: March-23-20 at 17:30**

**COVID-19 – Info on call out for supplies**

**QUESTION: He would like a sense of what kind of supplies are equipments are being offered by suppliers.**

**Response:**

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On March 12, we issued a proactive call-out, asking all suppliers to come forward with products and/or services they could offer to support Canada's response. As of March 22, PSPC had received more than 11,000 responses to the call-out. Given the large number of responses, PSPC is prioritizing those related to identified personal protective equipment needs.

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