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**Subject:** CLOSED: Media Heads-Up / Tier 1 - COVID-19 - Test Kits Spartan Bioscience / Global News (Toronto)

**Please note this request has been referred to Health Canada and is now closed. No further action required.**

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: August-12-20 at 16:00

### **Media heads-up**

**Global News (Toronto)**

**Russell, Andrew (Global News (Toronto))**

**Date call received: August-12-20 at 10:55**

**Deadline: August-13-20 at 17:00**

**Tier 1 - COVID-19 - Test Kits Spartan Bioscience**

### **CONTEXT (for your information):**

The reporter is looking into the recall of rapid COVID-19 test kits from Spartan Bioscience and is seeking to confirm how much this has cost the government?

### **VALUE STATEMENT:**

### **QUESTIONS / RESPONSES:**

**Q1. Can you please confirm if the federal government has spent \$149 Million on recalling rapid COVID-19 test kits from Spartan Bioscience?**