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Sent: August 13, 2020 3:02 PM
To: Roy, Cecely (SPAC/PSPC); fitz-morris, James (SPAC/PSPC)
Cc: Media; Michèle Larose; Me'Shel Gulliver Bélanger; Bryan Blom
Subject: FYI - For MO Approval: Media response / LEAD: AB Comm / Tier 1 - Number of ventilators / Canadian Press

Hello Cecely and James,

Please note that Health Canada has shared their portion of the response for the *Canadian Press* / Mia Rabson / Ventilators inquiry.

What is our updated estimate on how many ventilators Canada actually needs?

Currently Canada has sufficient ventilators to meet current demands. The quantity required to meet future demands is difficult to estimate as it depends on the severity of a potential resurgence of COVID-19. The quantities ordered are intended to address a potentially significant increase in the number of Canadians who require intensive care and ventilation.

How many ventilators total do the provinces and Ottawa have towards that need?

The Government of Canada discloses items ordered and received at the federal level, as available on Public Services and Procurement Canada's website: [Supplying Canada's response to COVID-19](#).

They have advised they will be sending the response to the reporter at 4 PM today.

Thank you.

Jeremy

From: Media
Sent: August 12, 2020 6:11 PM
To: James Fitzmorris ; Cecely Roy
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James, Cecely,

For MO approval, please.
New info. Included in the response is additional input from ISED in italics.

Merci,

Stéfanie
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Media response

Canadian Press

Rabson, Mia (Canadian Press)

Date call received: August-10-20 at 14:45

Deadline: August-11-20 at 12:00 **trying to renegotiate**

Tier 1 - Number of ventilators

CONTEXT (for your information): ISED forwarded us the following question, which was originally sent to ISED MinO.

PSPC has the lead. PHAC would respond to where the ventilators will be delivered.

We will try to renegotiate the reporter's deadline, but in the meantime, we are working with the deadline provided to us.

QUESTIONS / RESPONSES:

Q1. I know there were 40,000 ventilators promised in May. I'm looking into why we only have 409 in hand, whether we're still aiming for 40,000, if those contracts are fully in place, and when and where they will be delivered?

The Government of Canada is engaged in an unprecedented effort to acquire supplies and equipment to support front-line healthcare workers and protect the health and safety of Canadians. We are aggressively procuring, while facing the risks posed by fragile supply chains, the fluidity of the current situation, and a surge in demand.

As of [August 3, 2020](#), the Government of Canada has ordered just over 40 thousand ventilators and received 441. Most of these ventilators will be provided by Canadian companies, including Thornhill Medical, CAE Inc., [Canadian Emergency Ventilators \(Starfish\)](#), [FTI Professional Grade Inc.](#) and Vexos. The ventilators ordered and received to date are in addition to the existing Public Health Agency of Canada reserves, including the hundreds of units that have been distributed to provinces and territories, those already in place in healthcare centres across the country, and the deliveries made and received directly by provinces.

The contracts include deliveries scheduled between May 2020 and early 2021. Lead times will vary, depending on complexity of the product and [the availability of parts and materials](#).

Additional input from ISED:

Since the outbreak of COVID-19, the Government of Canada has been working closely with industry to understand the areas that require urgent investment, and to create partnerships that will lead to new, innovative ways to protect the health and safety of Canadians.

In March, the Government of Canada announced its Plan to Mobilize Industry, supporting businesses to rapidly scale up production or retool their manufacturing lines to develop essential products made in Canada that will help in the fight against COVID pandemic. To date, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada has received over 6,000 responses to the call to action from

companies across the country. The Government of Canada is moving quickly to build up a secure domestic supply of key PPE, medical equipment and reliable diagnostic testing to ensure Canadians and our front-line health workers are protected.

The Government of Canada continues to support and work with Thornhill Medical, CAE, Ventilators for Canadians, Starfish Medical, and Vexos, in partnership with Dr. Art McDonald, to develop, produce and deliver made-in-Canada ventilators. These ventilators will increase Canada's capacity to ensure these lifesaving machines are available across the healthcare system.