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**Subject:** Media Heads-Up / Tier 1 - Follow-up - COVID-19 - Buying suspension on PPE / Global News (Ottawa)

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: May-25-20 at 12:00

**Media heads-up**  
**Global News (Ottawa)**  
**Hill, Brian (Global News (Ottawa))**  
**Date call received: May-25-20 at 09:20**  
**Deadline: May-25-20 at 17:00**  
Tier 1 - Follow-up - COVID-19 - Buying suspension on PPE

**CONTEXT** (for your information):

The reporter is following up on a response we have sent him on May 23.

In his previous request, he referred to email exchanges between a potential PPE supplier and representatives from Deloitte, mentioning a buying suspension on PPEs. The suspension was also mentioned during OGGO committee meeting on May 15, 2020.

Based on the response PSPC provided the reporter, we informed him there are no buying suspension. He is seeking an explanation on why the suspension was mentioned by Deloitte and at the OGGO meeting.

**VALUE STATEMENT:**

## **QUESTIONS / RESPONSES:**

**Q1. Can you explain the Deloitte emails referenced in my previous email, and referred to in the OGGO May 15 meeting?**

**Q2. Was the buying suspension mentioned in the May 6 email from Deloitte specific to the potential supplier the email was sent to?**

**Q3. Was there a reason for purchasing from this potential supplier being suspended?**

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**Previous response provided May 23, 2020.**

There has been no suspension in purchasing personal protective equipment (PPE) of any kind. We continue to take an aggressive approach to buying—especially when it comes to PPE for frontline healthcare workers.

So far in May, we have placed orders for approximately 6.5 million masks, and we continue to pursue new orders.

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 lifesaving supplies are met.

Canada has received 37 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.