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Subject: RE: For MO approval - Media response / Tier 1 - COVID-19: Procurement of swabs and reagent / The Globe and Mail

Looping in Cecely.

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Good morning James,

For MO Approval, please.

Thanks,

Marc

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Media response

The Globe and Mail

Walsh, Marieke (The Globe and Mail)

Date call received: October-13-20 at 18:00

Deadline: October-16-20 at 17:00

Tier 1 - COVID-19: Procurement of swabs and reagent

CONTEXT (for your information): The reporter has questions about items that aren't listed on the public disclosure. She is in contact with PHAC as well on the same topic.

QUESTIONS / RESPONSES:

Q1. Are you able to tell me what role the fed gov is playing in the ordering of reagent and swabs and if it has a role, how much has it ordered and how much has arrived of each of these items?

As the Government of Canada's central purchaser, on behalf of the Public Health Agency of Canada, Public Services and Procurement Canada is spearheading the consolidated purchase of emergency supplies and services, vaccines and additional rapid testing kits, required for Canada, including at the federal, provincial and territorial levels.

To date, PSPC has awarded contracts to purchase 39 million swabs; 13 million have been delivered so far.

With respect to reagents, we can confirm that we have issued several contracts for the purchase of chemicals to support the production of reagents; however, we are unable to provide the specific quantity of reagent this amounts to, as several chemicals are needed to produce a specific amount of reagent.

Q2. Additionally can you tell me how much of these two items were distributed to the provinces in April, May and September? (PHAC)