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Subject: Media Heads-Up - Tier 1 / COVID-19 - Procurement of ventilators, masks, swab kits and PPE / Reuters Canada

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: March-25-20 at 16:30

Media heads-up

Reuters Canada

Ljunggren, David (Reuters Canada)

Date call received: March-25-20 at 12:50

Deadline: March-26-20 at 11:00

Tier 1 - COVID-19 - Procurement of ventilators, masks, swab kits and PPE

CONTEXT (for your information):

This national political correspondent for Reuters is asking for details about the Government of Canada's procurement of ventilators, masks, swab kits and personal protective equipment.

VALUE STATEMENT:

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Q1. Who did you buy ventilators from? Have they been delivered yet or just committed?

Q2. How did you pull this off when so many other governments are struggling? Do you think you got an order in before the US federal or state governments?

Q3. Any progress on N95 masks? We have heard a rumour that 3M is refusing to ship to Canada, have you run into anything like that on masks or other equipment?

Q4. What is the solution on N95 masks? Are there lesser-known suppliers that you think we can turn to, or is this a problem that will only be solved with new domestic production?

Q5. Who did you buy the swabs/swab kits from?

Q6. Is the personal protective equipment that you have promised Ontario (and presumably other provinces) going to come from the federal stockpile where it has been in storage, or are those new purchases?