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

Hi Cecely,

Below is a clean copy of changes you had requested.

The program has fact checked the information and is requesting that we replace the strikethrough text with the highlighted content, in the response below.

Can you confirm this is approved and ready to be sent out?

Many thanks,

Marc

From: Roy, Cecely (SPAC/PSPC) [mailto:cecely.roy@canada.ca]
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Hi there,

Please see my revisions in red below and sources indicated in green.

I would prefer that Health answer on the distribution piece as it falls within their purview.

Thank you!

Cecely

From: Media
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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?

Approximately 8.7 million tests have been administered in Canada to date.

As the Government of Canada's central purchaser, on behalf of the Public Health Agency of Canada, Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) is spearheading the consolidated purchase of emergency supplies and services, including the testing supplies and rapid tests that Canada requires, including as a backstop to support provinces and territories.

To date, PSPC has secured approximately 39 million swabs. This includes an agreement with Precision ADM based in Winnipeg for made-in-Canada 3D printed swabs, while other domestic companies are also developing Canadian made swabs through [The Made in Canada Project](#) under Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada.

With respect to reagents, the federal government has agreements with several suppliers for the purchase of chemicals to support the production of reagents, as well as the finished product, including the following as listed in [Table 12 of PSPC's COVID-19 contract information page](#):

- Galenvs Sciences Inc.
- Roche Diagnostics
- LuminUltra Technologies Ltd.

we can confirm that we have purchased more than 166,000 chemicals and laboratory kits to support the production and use 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.

~~For reagents specifically, the federal government has secured more than 166 thousand litres to date.~~

With the procurements made to date, the federal government has secured sufficient testing consumables, including swabs and reagents, to perform up to 200,000 tests per day across Canada through at least the end of the year, while the procurement of rapid tests is adding to this capacity.

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