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Subject: Media Heads-Up / Tier 4 - COVID-19 - Seamstresses helping with medial supplies / CBC Montreal

The following media request has been identified as **Tier 4**.

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

****Please note the response to this request will be the same as the one currently in approval (Tier 1 - COVID-19: Chinese manufacturers / The Globe and Mail). Both calls will be sent together to MO for approval shortly.****

Media heads-up

CBC Montreal

Deir, Annie (CBC Montreal)

Date call received: March-23-20 at 11:05

Deadline: March-23-20 at 15:00

Tier 4 - COVID-19 - Seamstresses helping with medial supplies

CONTEXT (for your information):

An article was published this morning on Radio Canada about a coop of seamstresses looking to set up a network to help sew scrubs, uniforms and other necessities for health professionals.

We contacted the reporter to let her know PHAC would be in a better position to respond to her request, she will contact them. She would like, however, a statement from PSPC to explain how we support the government.

More Info:

<https://ici.radio-canada.ca/nouvelle/1681682/couturieres-couture-quebec-coronavirus-covid-masques-blouses>

VALUE STATEMENT:

QUESTIONS / RESPONSES:

Q1. Can I get a statement from PSPC on what the department does to support the government in the fight against COVID-19?

The health and safety of Canadians is the government's top priority as we respond to the COVID-19 outbreak. We encourage all Canadians to follow the recommendations of public health officials to protect the health and safety of Canadians

Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) is supporting the whole-of-Government response to Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) by spearheading the consolidated purchase of emergency equipment, supplies and services for the federal, provincial and territorial community at large. We have stood up a dedicated team of procurement specialists who are tapping into existing supply arrangements and employing innovative, flexible approaches to make sure Canada has the equipment, supplies and services it needs to effectively respond.

We have already purchased a broad range of personal protective equipment and supplies, including swabs, tests kits, gloves, masks and gowns, and we continue to work with available suppliers, domestically and internationally, who have the capacity to respond to Canada's needs.

****Questions sent to PHAC****

Q1. Are there any specific guidelines they need to follow?

Q2. Will the garments they produce actually be used at hospitals?

Q3. What about the risk of contamination?

Q4. Also, I believe they are looking into sewing disposable masks... who do they go about doing that?