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Subject: For MO approval - Media response / Tier 1 / COVID-19: PPE received in Canada / Global News (Toronto)

Cecely, Emily,

For your approval. While the deadline for this request has expired and the reporter may have gathered details elsewhere today, she would take the response for the record.

Charles.

Media response

Global News (Toronto)

D'Amore, Rachael (Global News (Toronto))

Date call received: April-06-20 at 12:10

Deadline: April-07-20 at 16:00

Tier 1 - COVID-19: PPE received in Canada

CONTEXT (for your information):

The online reporter is working on a story about PPE in Canada amid COVID-19. We will try to renegotiate. The reporter contacted MO first.

PSPC will answer Q1 and Q2, and PHAC will answer Q3 and Q4.

VALUE STATEMENT:

The Government of Canada is collaborating with provinces and territories on an ongoing basis to identify their needs and purchase required equipment, supplies, and services to combat COVID-19.

Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) is taking an aggressive approach to buying—especially when it comes to personal protective equipment for frontline healthcare workers. This includes:

- Ordering ahead in bulk on behalf of provinces and territories
- Supplementing those orders by purchasing everything that is immediately available;
- Ramping up the domestic manufacturing capacity, through the Plan to Mobilize Industry to fight COVID-19, being led by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada.

This is over and above the efforts provinces and territories are taking to secure their own supply.

QUESTIONS / RESPONSES:

Q1. Does Public Services and Procurement Canada have any update on the amount of PPE Canada has received? From overseas or otherwise?

Q2. What's the latest on shipments?

A1-2. Canada has an agreement with Bolloré Logistics to provide transportation, receiving, storage services and customs clearances. As part of this agreement, Bolloré Logistics organizes the transportation of personal protective equipment purchased by the Government of Canada from China or elsewhere in the world. This will be an ongoing process as the orders are ready to be dispatched to Canada.

The first two flights organized by Bolloré arrived in Toronto on April 1 and 6, carrying essential goods, including PPE such as masks, required for our fight against COVID-19. *On yesterday's flight we received roughly 8 million surgical masks, and orders made directly by Nova Scotia and Quebec were also on board. Additional shipments are planned for the coming days.*

We continue to work with all available suppliers who have the capacity to respond to Canada's needs. In addition, we are continuously working with the Public Health Agency of Canada to determine their requirements, as well as those for provinces and territories.

Q3. How will this equipment be divvied up?

PHAC to respond.

Q4. When can hospitals expect to start receiving some?

PHAC to respond.