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Subject: Media Heads-Up / Tier 1 - COVID-19 - Ventilator contracts / The Hill Times

****Please note the response to this request will be the same as the one currently in approval (COVID-19 - Procurement of ventilators, masks, swab kits and PPE / Reuters Canada). Both calls will be sent together to DMO for approval at 9 am today, unless advised otherwise.****

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-26-20 at 13:33

Media heads-up
The Hill Times
Mazereeuw, Peter (The Hill Times)
Date call received: March-25-20 at 17:15
Deadline: March-26-20 at 16:00
Tier 1 - COVID-19 - Ventilator contracts

CONTEXT (for your information):

The reporter wants to know more about the contracting of medical ventilators.

QUESTIONS / RESPONSES:

Q1. Can you please tell me how many contracts the government has awarded for the production of medical ventilators since the beginning of January?

Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) is supporting the whole-of-government response to COVID-19 by spearheading the consolidated purchase of emergency equipment, supplies and services for federal, provincial and territorial needs.

The COVID-19 situation is very fluid and evolving rapidly every day, as are our requirements and orders. We are placing as many orders as possible with suppliers who have the capacity to meet our needs—now and into the future. It would be very difficult to provide an accurate number at any given time. We are exploring all opportunities to secure available supply, including large and small quantities.

As a result of our [call-out](#) and through engagement with our supplier network, we have already purchased a broad range of personal protective equipment and supplies, including swabs, tests kits, gloves, masks and gowns. While delivery timelines vary, some deliveries began in mid-March.

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 technical specifications and requirements, as well as those for provinces and territories.

For any questions related to technical specifications and requirements and regarding the distribution of material please contact the Public Health Agency of Canada.