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**From:** Media <media@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca>  
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**To:** Roy, Cecely (SPAC/PSPC); Media  
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**Subject:** RE: Media response / Tier 4 - COVID-19: RFI for health care supplies / Parliament Now

Thanks Cecely. We did get a green light from the other end, so we are responding now to both requests.

Charles.

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**From:** Roy, Cecely (SPAC/PSPC) [mailto:cecely.roy@canada.ca]  
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Thanks Charles, the updates are compliant with language from Health as well as the PSPC proposed response to Liz Thompson.

**Cecely Roy**  
(343) 549-7293

On Mar 17, 2020, at 3:19 PM, Media <[media@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca](mailto:media@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca)> wrote:

Thanks Cecely,

For your information, we are validating these changes for accuracy with the Program before responding. If any of the changes do not work for some reason, we will loop back to you to let you know.

Charles.

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

Please see the approved response below with a few revisions indicated in red text.

We can proceed with this slightly revised response as a proposed response for similar media requests, and for now for the Global Toronto request.

Thanks very much,  
Cecely

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COVID-19 is a rapidly evolving global challenge. The Government of Canada is working closely with local, provincial, territorial, and international partners to minimize its health, economic, and social impacts in Canada and around the world.

The Government of Canada is taking action with a whole-of-government response to COVID-19. This includes establishing a more than \$1 billion COVID-19 Response Fund, **including support for the purchase of personal protective equipment and essential medical supplies among other measures, as well as** making \$10 billion available for businesses through the Business Development Bank and Export Development Canada, among other initiatives.

On Monday, March 9, the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister wrote to all Premiers announcing our intention to lead a bulk procurement efforts on healthcare supplies responding to the COVID-19 outbreak. We stand ready to respond to any further procurement needs from provinces and territories. **The Government of Canada continues to have regular communication with our partners at the provincial and territorial levels to assess and support procurement needs across the country. In leading this coordinated procurement approach for Canada, we stand ready to take further action to support the provinces and territories, our frontline health workers and Canadians.**

Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) as the Government of Canada's central purchaser, is spearheading the consolidated purchase of emergency supplies and services required for Canada, including at the federal, provincial and territorial levels **at the direction of the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC)**. We recognize that some of these goods are in high demand around the world, and therefore in addition to leveraging existing sources of supply, **PSPC** is proactively engaging industry to help meet Canada's needs and also to ensure that providers have a clear pathway to connect with the Government of Canada if they are able to supply goods and services that may be of use. This is consistent with the response from other countries affected by the pandemic.

Public Services and Procurement Canada has stood-up a dedicated team of procurement specialists who are implementing flexible and innovative procurement approaches to best meet Canada's needs. To ensure that we are effectively engaging industry and potential avenues for purchasing, our procurement approach includes a

call to suppliers who may be able to provide products and services and are invited to visit <https://buyandsell.gc.ca/calling-all-suppliers-help-canada-combat-covid-19>. Submissions received through this call to suppliers are assessed based on the requirements we receive from PHAC, and based on this assessment we will determine the most appropriate procurement approach.

The call to suppliers was posted to the Government of Canada's buy and sell webpage on March 12.

On Mar 17, 2020, at 11:19 AM, Media <[media@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca](mailto:media@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca)> wrote:

Bonjour Cecely, Emily

For MO approval, please. I confirm to you that we are not sending before we get your approval.

Merci!

Stéfanie

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**Media response**

**Parliament Now**

**Growling, Jordan (Parliament Now)**

**Date call received: March-17-20 at 10:15**

**Deadline: March-17-20 at 15:00**

**Tier 4 - COVID-19: RFI for health care supplies**

**CONTEXT** (for your information): The reporter would like to speak with someone who is leading the procurement push for medical protective equipment and services in response to COVID-19.

He indicates that his understanding is that this has been fast-tracked, and PSPC is working with the Public Health Agency to find gaps in supply in the provinces.

We are recommending to send the same response as provided to The Logic and CBC News.

**QUESTIONS / RESPONSES:**

**Q1. Any chance I could speak to someone about this, to provide an update?**

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