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Subject: RE: For MO approval - Media response - Tier 1 / COVID-19 - Government's efforts to procure PPE / The Capital

Hi Cecely,

Just wanted to let you know that we have reworked the response to address some inaccuracies.

Consequently, we need to re-seek approval as there is new information that had not been previously released.

Merci

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Hi there,

Having reviewed the response below, if we are able to provide simply the number of domestic contracts and perhaps provide some of the stats that the Minister has provided on domestic deliveries.

I have included the information I had off hand which was confirmed on for Tuesday's press conference, and that is in the daily reports we receive from program for LOIs and contracts.

Thank you,
Cecely

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Hi Cecely and James,

For MO approval, please.

Many thanks,

Marc
873-354-7219

Media response

The Capital

Marlan, Tori (The Capital)

Date call received: May-15-20 at 11:25

Deadline: May-19-20 at 17:00

Tier 1 - COVID-19 - Government's efforts to procure PPE

CONTEXT (for your information):

The reporter is writing an article about the impact the pandemic has had on long-term care homes. He would like to obtain more information about the government's efforts to procure Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

The reporter contacted Health Canada / Public Health Agency of Canada , who has reached out to PSPC for input. A joint response will be developed and PSPC's input will be sent to HC/PHAC.

PSPC will respond to Q1 and Q2.

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 limited-availability supplies that are 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 AND ANSWERS:

Q1. Would you let me know what kind of PPE and how much of it, was acquired and from where? (PSPC)

As the Government of Canada's central purchaser, Public Services and Procurement Canada is leading efforts to purchase equipment, supplies and services required for Canada to combat COVID-19 in addition to the work being done by provinces, territories and healthcare centres. We are working with the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) which is consolidating the needs of

provincial and territorial governments to inform our bulk buying of PPE and medical supplies. We are anticipating Canada's needs in the short and long term ~~system placing as many orders as possible to ensure by securing the supplies needed are available for~~ frontline healthcare workers, while ensuring products we are purchasing meet Canada's standards for use in the health system before distribution for medical use.

As a result of our call-out and through engagement with our supplier network, and by working directly with Canadian suppliers and manufacturers, we have purchased a broad range of personal protective equipment and supplies, including swabs, tests kits, gloves, masks and gowns.

We are aggressively purchasing in the global marketplace, while facing the risks posed by fragile supply chains, the fluidity of the current situation, and a surge in demand. We continue to seek out all options to get these medical supplies and equipment to our frontline workers.

We are **also** providing information about our response, by posting details of our orders and deliveries of personal protective equipment **and medical supplies** [online](#).

~~Details of our orders and deliveries of personal protective equipment have been posted [online](#).~~

Q2. How many contracts does the government have for domestic production of PPE, and how much PPE domestic manufacturers have supplied thus far? (PSPC)

Canadian businesses of all sizes, right across the country, have truly stepped up to help meet our needs in the fight against COVID-19.

To date the federal government has signed **44** Letters of Intent and **24** contracts with domestic manufacturers. This includes PPE and medical supplies ranging from ventilators, to hand sanitizer to masks.

As of Tuesday, March 19, we have received:

- **139,000** gowns from domestic gown manufacturers including Stanfield's in Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada Goose with factories in Winnipeg and Toronto, and Logistik based in St. Jean-sur-Richelieu. (confirmed on Tuesday)
- **1.7 million** face shields from Bauer, Toronto Stamp and HP Canada. (confirmed on Tuesday)
- **X litres** of hand sanitizer have gone directly to provinces and territories from Fluid Energy based in Alberta and Irving Oil out of New Brunswick.

We also have an agreement with **LuminUltra**, a leading biotechnology company based in New Brunswick to produce enough reagent along with other testing required for 500,000 tests per week through March 2020. Deliveries directly to provincial and territorial labs is underway.

As more and more companies who have retooled and scaled up their production come online, we're receiving deliveries from these suppliers among other Canadian companies. This ongoing engagement with Canadian industry is critical to ensuring access to a reliable domestic supply to serve our short and long term needs.

~~The Government of Canada is engaged in an unprecedented effort to acquire supplies and equipment to ensure that our front-line healthcare workers and Canadians stay safe and healthy. We are aggressively procuring in the global marketplace, while facing the risks posed by fragile supply chains, the fluidity of the current situation, and a surge in demand.~~

~~In order to protect the integrity of our procurement processes, as well as the integrity of global supply chains, we need to exercise caution at this time with information we are providing about specific suppliers.~~

~~Some of the procurements being carried out in response to COVID-19 are being done under a national security exception (NSE), meaning that the associated solicitation documents are not published on Buyandsell. This allows the response to move rapidly as we purchase goods and services to protect the health and safety of Canadians as we face this pandemic. Similar procurement flexibilities are being applied by other countries around the world, due to COVID-19.~~

~~However, we are posting some solicitation documents for COVID-19 related procurements on Buyandsell, particularly where the timeline to secure the particular good or service allows for more flexibility. For example, we recently published a Request for Proposal for logistics services in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Another example is the Notice of Proposed Procurement for cloth face masks, which we recently published on behalf of the Department of National Defence.~~

~~We have also publicly announced several contracts over the past few weeks and will continue to do so.~~

We are **also** providing information about our response, for example, by posting details of our orders and deliveries of personal protective equipment [online](#).

Q3. My understanding is that after the federal government procures PPE, it sends it to the provinces, and then the provinces farm it out to the health-care sector. Is that correct? If not, how does the process of getting PPE to the health-care sector work?

(HC/PHAC)

Q4. What were the biggest missed opportunities to save lives in long-term care homes?

(HC/PHAC)

Q5. What, if anything, does the federal government think it could have done better?

(HC/PHAC)

Q6. Why was the national stockpile insufficient?

(HC/PHAC)