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Subject: FW: Call 1 for tomorrow: CBC (Elizabeth Thompson) - NESS follow-up

FYI – After receiving the response from PHAC, reporter sent follow-up questions below. They will share their response with us tomorrow.

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From: Elizabeth Thompson <elizabeth.thompson@cbc.ca>
Sent: 2020-03-17 4:03 PM
To: HEALTH MEDIA SANTÉ (HC/SC) <hc.media.sc@canada.ca>
Subject: Re: Public Health Agency Canada

Thank you.

I had a few small follow up questions:

- The notice that went out on Buy and Sell to identify additional suppliers, was that for NESS?
- What adjustments, if any, were made to NESS supply levels after Dr. Tam identified the outbreak in Wuhan?
- Does PHAC have to go to tender to replenish NESS supplies or can it use the Emergency Rule to buy directly?
- I noticed that there was an evaluation report of the NESS in 2011/12. What has changed since that report?

Regards,

Elizabeth

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On Tue, Mar 17, 2020 at 3:21 PM HEALTH MEDIA SANTÉ (HC/SC) <hc.media.sc@canada.ca> wrote:

Hi Elizabeth

Public Works sent us a question of yours. See our answer below:

Q4. Do you have any stats on the government's existing supplies of the items on the call out list?

Canada's [National Emergency Strategic Stockpile](#) (NESS) contains supplies that provinces and territories can request in emergencies—such as infectious disease outbreaks, natural disasters and other public health events— when their own resources are not enough.

For security reasons, the Public Health Agency of Canada does not disclose specifics related to NESS holdings.

Regards,

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