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Subject: For MO Approval - Media response - Tier 1 / COVID-19 - Personal protective equipment cargo flights / theBreaker

Ladies,

For MO approval, please.

Merci,

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Mackin, Bob (theBreaker)

Date call received: April-13-20 at 13:40

Deadline: April-16-20 at 17:00

Tier 1 - COVID-19 - Personal protective equipment cargo flights

CONTEXT (for your information):

The reporter is seeking more information about the Canadian cargo flights transporting personal protective equipment from China to Canada.

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
- Supplement by proactively ordering additional quantities in anticipation of needs;
- 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. With regard to the Cargojet personal protective equipment cargo flights from Shanghai that arrived in Hamilton on Saturday and in Vancouver and in Edmonton on Sunday, how many tonnes were there? What types of personal protective equipment were offloaded in Vancouver and Edmonton? What was the dollar value?

We are exploring all options for securing the necessary equipment and supplies to fight COVID-19, through both domestic and international supply chains, to ensure that front-line healthcare workers across the country are equipped and protected.

By working directly with both new and existing suppliers and manufacturers, including several in China, we have placed orders and received millions of personal protective equipment supplies including masks, gloves and gowns. *As the Prime Minister announced April 14, over the weekend we received four new shipments of essential personal protective equipment, including more N95 respirators.* It is important to note that all deliveries are quality tested by the Public Health Agency of Canada once received in Canada before they are allocated and distributed.

Q2. What is the total budget for the personal protective equipment being sourced in China and what is the maximum amount in dollars for the Air Canada and Cargojet contracts under this assignment?

We are doing everything we can to purchase the equipment to meet Canada's needs, now and into the future.

The COVID-19 situation is very fluid and evolving rapidly every day, as are our requirements and orders. 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, so as not to jeopardize any of our orders.