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Subject: For approval: Media response / COVID-19 - Procurement of ventilators, masks, swab kits and PPE

Hi Leslie,

For your context we are holding off on sending this response to David at Reuters. I spoke with him today to provide the context that we may have more to say in the coming days, and he is fine with waiting.

That being said, please let me know if you have changes to the response below to be sent to the Hill Times.

Thanks,

Cecely

1) Media response

Reuters Canada

Ljunggren, David (Reuters Canada)

Date call received: March-25-20 at 12:50

Deadline: March-26-20 at 11:00

Tier 1 - COVID-19 - Procurement of ventilators, masks, swab kits and PPE

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

~~Q1. Who did you buy ventilators from? Have they been delivered yet or just committed?~~

~~Q2. How did you pull this off when so many other governments are struggling? Do you think you got an order in before the US federal or state governments?~~

~~Q3. Any progress on N95 masks? We have heard a rumour that 3M is refusing to ship to Canada, have you run into anything like that on masks or other equipment?~~

~~Q4. What is the solution on N95 masks? Are there lesser-known suppliers that you think we can turn to, or is this a problem that will only be solved with new domestic production?~~

~~Q5. Who did you buy the swabs/swab kits from?~~

~~Q6. Is the personal protective equipment that you have promised Ontario (and presumably other provinces) going to come from the federal stockpile where it has been in storage, or are those new purchases?~~

2) Media response

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

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

RESPONSE:

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 **in both** 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, **as well as ventilators**. While delivery timelines vary, **some additional** 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.