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Cc: Me'Shel Gulliver Bélanger; Media; Jean-François Létourneau; Bryan Blom
Subject: RE: Politico - Forrest - PPE procurement at IRCC

Morning James,

Got feedback from our program. It concluded that IRCC's response is straightforward and given their response is about purchases made in January, it added high-level messages in purple to bring more context. (see below)

Let us know if you need anything more.
Charles.

From: fitz-morris, James (SPAC/PSPC) [mailto:james.fitz-morris@canada.ca]
Sent: July 24, 2020 9:14 PM
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Subject: FW: Politico - Forrest - PPE procurement at IRCC

Hi there,

This is fine to deal with on Monday. Below is a media response IRCC intends to deliver concerning PPE purchases they made directly.

I'm just trying to understand how this fits in to overall PPE procurement strategy and whether or not we can help place this in the bigger picture.

If we have nothing to add given the time frame (these are purchases that started in January), that's fine – but I would like us to take a look.

Thanks,
James

From: Lariviere.Remi
Sent: July 24, 2020 3:57 PM
To: Lemkay.Kevin
Cc: IRCC.F COMM Media Approvals / Approbation Media COMM F.IRCC; IRCC.F COMM MINO Media Approvals / Approbation média MINO COMM F.IRCC; Palma.Stephanie; Elgee.Heather
Subject: For MINO Approval: No. of PPE acquired by IRCC - Politico - Forrest - 22 Jul @EOD

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MAIN ISSUE / SUJET: No. of PPE acquired by IRCC

QUESTION:

I'm looking at a sessional paper that was tabled in the House this week (see attached), and I noticed that IRCC started acquiring a fair amount of PPE related to the pandemic in January. I'm just wondering who that PPE was intended to be used by.

If you could get me a response today, that would be great. You can reach me at 613-327-5124.

Response:

The health and safety of Canadians, including government employees is our top priority as we respond to COVID-19.

The personal protective equipment (PPE) that was acquired by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) was meant to bolster our existing inventory and was intended for use by our mailrooms and front line staff, as required.

With the restart of the economy, the Government of Canada continues to be engaged in an unprecedented effort to acquire supplies and equipment to ensure that front-line workers, including GC essential services workers and Canadians stay safe and healthy.