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Subject: FW: Update to Media Response / Min() questions...FW: QUESTION : For MO Approval: Media Response / Level 1- COVID-19 - Follow-up: Mobile Health Units / QMI Agency

Hello James and Cecely,

Program has provided context in response to your request for clarity on the payments made. The content has been vetted by Program ADM.

The payments since the last response are for many different things. In general, some of the costs are for the following:

- 1. Most significantly, medical equipment and consumables are coming into the warehouse and thus payment is being sought by the Contractors as these things arrive (e.g. ventilators came in batches as they were hard to come by). Equipment and consumables continue to be delivered from orders placed weeks ago.**
 - 2. Warehousing of the consumables etc... must be done and the warehousing costs are paid by Canada (including warehouse lease costs, warehouse management of items stored, security costs, maintenance of equipment while stored (e.g. charging of batteries))**
 - 3. The Contractors have set up Project Management Offices to manage the various items and respond to queries from Canada.**
- 0. Design testing and modifications continue related to the Risk Reduction Units (RRU)**

Thank you.

Jeremy

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Can we get some more clarify on what the payments made since the last update are for?
Have the consumables mentioned been delivered?

Thanks,
James

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Hi James,

For MO approval please. Translation in progress. New info.

Thanks,

Marc

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Media response

QMI Agency

Bergeron, Émilie (QMI Agency)

Date call received: October-13-20 at 5:00 PM

Deadline: October-16-20 at 4:00 PM (renegotiated and CLOSED)

Level 1 - COVID-19 - Follow-up: mobile health units

BACKGROUND: The reporter has follow-up questions about the mobile health units designed by SNC-Lavalin PAE and Weatherhaven Global Resources to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

She has received two answers from PSPC on the same subject and has recently published

<https://www.journaldemontreal.com/2020/09/11/des-millions-pour-des-hopitaux-mobiles-qui-nont-pas-encore-servi-1>

QUESTIONS/ANSWER:

Q1. Which provinces have shown interest in using mobile health units? Which provinces have made a formal request to the Government of Canada?

A1. No formal request has been made by a province or territory to date as these units have been ordered in anticipation of a potential need by the Government of Canada for a broad range of situations.

Q2. How many units have been ordered so far? Last time we spoke, you said two units. How many of the maximum 10 units have now been ordered?

A2. We remain at two units ordered.

Q3. The last time we spoke, you told us that the Government of Canada had paid \$19,867,005.03 to SNC PAE and \$12,211,119.95 to Weatherhaven. What are the current figures?

A3. The Government of Canada has now paid \$26,173,758.44 to SNC-Lavalin PAE and \$22,438,150.51 to Weatherhaven.

To provide a bit of context, these amounts include consumables such as the purchase of medical equipment (including Intensive Care Unit capabilities) — 100 hospital beds per MHU, ventilators,

etc., and the purchase of medical consumables for 10 days (PPE, medical supplies, stationary) for 5 MHUs for SNC-Lavalin & PAE and for 2 MHUs for Weatherhaven.

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Answer forwarded to QMI on Sept. 9, 2020:

Q1. If I understand your answer correctly, this means that to date no mobile units have been built, or are under construction?

A1. We are continuing our work to ensure that Canada is prepared for any eventuality in this pandemic time. Access to additional capacity to support the health system through Mobile Health Units (MHUs) is part of our comprehensive pandemic preparedness plans. The planning and design work for MHUs must be done before they are ready to be adapted and deployed in the provinces and territories. This work is ongoing, in collaboration with the provinces and territories. Public Services and Procurement Canada has ordered two MHUs to be ready in case one is urgently required.

Q2. Exactly how many units have been built? If no units have been built, what is the anticipated date for delivery of the first unit?

A2. Two units have been ordered in anticipation of a need, so there is no fixed delivery date at the moment. The Government of Canada continues to work closely with the provinces and territories to help them assess, prepare for and respond to their health care needs. That includes the planning and design process for MHUs, so we will be ready to meet the demand.

Q3. Has Canada paid \$150 million to SNC-Lavalin to date, or part of that amount? Has Canada paid \$150 million to Weatherhaven Global Resources Ltd. to date, or part of that amount? Exactly how much has been paid to those companies to date?

A3. Canada paid both contractors for work performed under the task authorizations to ensure that the units are ready to be deployed as needed to protect the health and lives of Canadians. To date, Canada has paid a total of \$19,867,005.03 to SNC and \$12,211,119.95 to Weatherhaven for medical equipment and supplies, project management services, warehousing and design of MHUs to ensure that Canada is prepared for any eventuality.

Q4. Which administrative bodies are involved, or in other words, who determines the number of beds and medical equipment required?

A4. The design is flexible enough to allow for different configurations. The specific configuration will be determined with the local health agency in the province or territory requesting the unit. The units were designed in consultation with the provinces and territories and the Department of National Defence, which has extensive experience in this area.

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Answer forwarded to QMI on August 17, 2020:

In answer to your questions, these federal contracts for mobile health units were awarded on April 9, 2020 for a term of 6 months. Each contract includes two 6-month options but no options have been exercised. These are task authorization contracts, which means that Canada only pays for what it asks the contractor to do or provide.

Mobile health units are designed with the flexibility to meet the additional health care capacity needs of the particular jurisdiction where they are deployed. The number of beds and other medical equipment is determined by the size and specifications required by each jurisdiction.

The administrative agreements set out the terms and conditions that the supplier must meet in order to maintain its status and be able to do business with the Government of Canada. These may include corrective actions, compliance programs and regular reporting on progress and compliance. Under its administrative agreement, SNC-Lavalin has retained an independent third party, recognized by PSPC, to monitor compliance with the terms of the agreement at its expense.

In addition to regular reporting, the independent third party ascertains compliance with the terms of the Administrative Agreement and makes regular reports about it.