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From: Walsh, Marieke <MWalsh@globeandmail.com>
Sent: May 15, 2020 10:09 AM
To: Roy, Cecely (SPAC/PSPC)
Cc: fitz-morris, James (SPAC/PSPC); Harris, Emily (SPAC/PSPC)
Subject: RE: PPE Orders on the website

Thanks Cecely, and hi James and Emily.

I want to make sure I'm super clear in my understanding.

Regarding this: With respect to the decrease in the total number of N95 masks ordered from just over 154 million to approximately 135.5 million, this is due to challenges experienced in the supply chain and resulting contract cancellation or amendments.

Am I correct in understanding that the suppliers/manufacturers cancelled or amended contracts with Canada, leading to the drop in orders. Or did Canada cancel/amend contracts?

Additionally, what role do the faulty masks play in the numbers? Have they been removed from the order total? Or are they not currently reflected in the numbers that are online?

My deadline for this clarification is noon.

Thanks,
Marieke



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From: Roy, Cecely (SPAC/PSPC) <cecely.roy@canada.ca>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 7:40 PM
To: Walsh, Marieke <MWalsh@globeandmail.com>
Cc: fitz-morris, James (SPAC/PSPC) <james.fitz-morris@canada.ca>; Harris, Emily (SPAC/PSPC) <emily.harris@canada.ca>
Subject: Re: PPE Orders on the website

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Hi Marieke,

Apologies for the delay in getting back to you here.

“The personal protective equipment and medical supplies that we are procuring are for Canada's short-term and long-term needs as our government responds to the COVID-19 crisis. The size of our orders reflects the fluidity of highly competitive global supply chains. This reality means that some contracts will need to be modified. While order numbers will fluctuate from time to time, we remain focused on delivering safe and effective PPE to the provinces and territories and ultimately to Canada's frontline healthcare workers.”

Hon. Anita Anand, Minister of Public Services and Procurement

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Given the speed and aggressiveness with which we are procuring supplies for Canada, and the high degree of difficulty experienced in some global supply chains, we anticipate some fluctuation in the amounts of supplies we continue to order.

With respect to the decrease in the total number of N95 masks ordered from just over 154 million to approximately 135.5 million, this is due to challenges experienced in the supply chain and resulting contract cancellation or amendments. While deliveries are now arriving on a regular basis, these large order numbers are placed for deliveries arriving over the span of months, and are intended to meet Canada's short and long term needs. This is over and above the work being done by provinces, territories and healthcare centres to procure medical supplies.

Recently, a significant portion of an order of respirator masks from a particular supplier did not meeting Public Health Agency of Canada standards for this mask type. As a result, we have suspended further orders from this supplier. The upcoming update on the number of orders placed by the federal government for N95 masks will reflect this adjustment.

With respect to the decrease in the total number of ventilators ordered from 32,070 to 29,570, this is the correction to an administrative error in the previous calculation. The calculation initially included a contractual option for an additional 2,500 ventilators from a domestic manufacturer, and as this is not part of the formally contracted portion of the order, the calculation has been adjusted.

As had been noted previously, the total number of ventilators ordered from domestic manufacturers is above and beyond the orders placed and received by provinces and territories, and is more than the needs anticipated for Canada's response to COVID-19.

- *This can be attributed to our office.*

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Thanks very much for your patience on this.

Cecely

On May 14, 2020, at 10:41 AM, Walsh, Marieke <MWalsh@globeandmail.com> wrote:

I am following up on this. Please provide the answer by end of day.

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From: Roy, Cecely (SPAC/PSPC) <cecely.roy@canada.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 7:31 PM

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Hi Marieke - I have followed up with our department and the response is in the works - hoping to have this to you for tomorrow.

Apologies for the wait, and thanks for your patience with this.

Cecely Roy

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On May 12, 2020, at 7:24 PM, Walsh, Marieke <MWalsh@globeandmail.com> wrote:

Hiya – checking in on this request

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From: Roy, Cecely (SPAC/PSPC) <cecely.roy@canada.ca>

Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 12:52 PM

To: Walsh, Marieke <MWalsh@globeandmail.com>

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Subject: Re: PPE Orders on the website

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No worries at all, I think we are all in that state of mind at the moment!

Will loop back on other items.

On May 11, 2020, at 12:50 PM, Walsh, Marieke
<MWalsh@globeandmail.com> wrote:

Sorry I'm obviously still asleep. Thanks for clarifying and I will await the other info

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Hi there,

On the orders for gowns and face shields, the numbers that were updated on Friday show an increase -

Items ordered as of April 30:

Face Shields: 52,803,000

Gowns: 130,273,529

&

Items ordered as of May 7:

Face Shields: 55,303,000

Gowns: 132,481,529

With respect to the orders for ventilators and N95 masks, I will need to have the department look into this and so will need a bit of time to loop back with you on the response.

Thank you,

Cecely Roy
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On May 11, 2020, at 11:35 AM, Walsh, Marieke
<MWalsh@globeandmail.com> wrote:

Additionally, why were the order for face shields,
gowns, and N95 masks also lowered?

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Subject: PPE Orders on the website

Hi guys,
Can you please tell me why the number of ventilators
ordered has dropped from 32,070 to 29,570? Thanks,
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