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Subject: For MO approval: Media response - Tier 1 / COVID-19 - Procurement of ventilators, masks, swab kits and PPE / Reuters Canada

Good morning ladies,

For MO approval please. We shared our response with PHAC. Please note that, once approved, this response will be used for 2 media requests : Reuters Canada and The Hill Times. The Reuters reporter's deadline is 11 today. Let me know if you'd need more time to approve and we'll try to renegotiate.

New info.

Merci

Stéfanie

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

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

CONTEXT (for your information):

This national political correspondent for Reuters is asking for details about the Government of Canada's procurement of ventilators, masks, swab kits and personal protective equipment.

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?

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 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. While delivery timelines vary, some 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.