

RE: For tonight's Ops pin

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Hi Barb,

I wanted to let you know that information on contractual values for PPE purchased by PSPC is expected to be posted to the PSPC web site tomorrow. PSPC intends to withhold information in two instances:

- The names of suppliers of high-demand items, including N95 masks, gloves and swabs, will be withheld, to ensure that these sources of supply remain available to Canada in the event that additional procurements are needed.
- Total contract values are not being disclosed in situations where the government has previously disclosed quantities of units ordered in a given contract, unless the release of the unit price has been authorized by the company.

In a couple of instances, PSPC has withheld the total contract value, citing "legal considerations." I have noted that this will raise questions, and have suggested that it be dealt with in a Q and A.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Rebecca

From: Thompson, Rebecca

Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 8:27 PM

To: Henry, Barbara <Barbara.Henry@pco-bcp.gc.ca>

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Hi Barb,

Please let me know if additional information is required.

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Senior officials from PSPC (including the Deputy Minister, the Associate Deputy Minister, and Assistant Deputy Ministers) are scheduled to appear before the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates (OGGO) on Thursday afternoon, July 23, 2020. They are expected to share dollar figures for the amount committed by the federal government to purchase PPE in support of frontline government employees (\$236M) and the amount committed to support the Essential Services Contingency Reserve (\$229M). The amounts to be shared with OGGO do not include expenditures on other goods and services, such as logistics and air charter services, used to acquire the PPE.

Senior PSPC officials are also expected to note that the total amounts of PPE being procured have been posted to the PSPC website, and that PSPC intends to release contracting information in the near future.