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Cc: Elizabeth Lindsay; James Stott; Jean-François Létourneau; Media; Me'Shel Gulliver Bélanger; Rachel Lagacé; Renee Harden; Sara Lacasse; Vivianne Soubhie
Subject: For MO Approval: Media Response / Level 1 - COVID-19 - Follow-up: Mobile health units / QMI Agency

Hi James,

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

Thanks,

Marc
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Media response
QMI Agency
Bergeron, Emilie (QMI Agency)
Date call received: October 13, 2020, at 5:00 PM
Deadline: October 16, 2020, at 4:00 PM (renegotiated and FIRM)
Tier 1 - COVID-19 - Follow-up: Mobile health units

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

She received two responses from PSPC on the same subject and recently published:
<https://www.journaldeMontreal.com/2020/09/11/des-millions-pour-des-hopitaux-mobiles-qui-nont-pas-encore-servi-1>

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS:

Q1. Which provinces have shown interest in using mobile health units? Which 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? The last time we spoke, you told us about 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 latest 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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Response forwarded to QMI on Sept. 9 2020:

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

A1. Our work is continuing to ensure that Canada is prepared for any eventuality during this pandemic. Access to additional capacity to support the healthcare system through mobile health units (MHUs) is part of our overall pandemic preparedness plans. The planning and design work for MHUs must be done before they are ready for adaptation and deployment 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 an MHU 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 is continuing to work closely with the provinces and territories to help them assess, prepare for, and meet their healthcare needs. This includes the process of planning and designing MHUs. This allows us to ensure that we are ready to respond to their request.

Q3. Has Canada paid \$150 million to SNC-Lavalin to date, or a portion of that amount? Has Canada paid \$150 million to Weatherhaven Global Resources Ltd. to date, or a portion of that amount? Exactly how much has been paid out to the companies so far?

A3. Canada has paid both contractors for work performed under the Task Authorizations to ensure that the units are ready to be deployed as required to protect the health and lives of Canadians. So far, 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, and MHU storage and design, to ensure that Canada is prepared for any eventuality.

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

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

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Response forwarded to QMI on August 17, 2020:

In response to your questions, these federal contracts for mobile health units were awarded on April 9, 2020, for a period of six months. Each contract includes two six-month options, but no options have been exercised. These are Task Authorization contracts, meaning that Canada pays only for what it asks the contractor to do or provide.

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

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 a PSPC-recognized independent third party to monitor compliance with the terms of the agreement, at its expense.

In addition to regular reporting, the independent third party evaluates and reports regularly on compliance with the terms of the administrative agreement.

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Just to head-off a late-day crunch...

PMO forwarded us a document last night that was prepared by HC.

It says that, as of October 14', PHAC has 5,909 as delivered — and all but 200 have completed the assessment process, so 5,709 are listed as "received," by PHAC.

Not sure if that aligns with the numbers you currently have.

Thanks,
James

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Hi James,

We'll be moving this one to DMO soon.

Thanks

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Reporter is pressing on this one.
ETA on a response?

Thanks,
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The following media request has been identified as **Tier 1**.

Communications sector will work with your group to develop the first draft response. New information not previously approved should be identified in purple.

Highest level of approval: MO

Program ADM approved response: October-15-20 at 12:00

Media heads-up

National Post

Tumilty, Ryan (National Post)

Date call received: October-14-20 at 11:25

Deadline: October-15-20 at 14:00 (Firm)

Tier 1 - COVID 19 - Update on ventilator contracts

CONTEXT (for your information):

The reporter is working on a story about the government's ventilators procurement and would like some information.

We also shared the following link with the reporter: <https://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/comm/aic-scricontrats-contracts-eno.htm#leable-13>, but he still wants to know how many ventilators each company was contracted to provide, how many they have provided and when they are expected to fill the balance of the order.

We tried to renegotiate, but the reporter is most likely filing tomorrow or Friday, at the latest.

PSPC can provide a response for both questions, but we are also consulting PHAC/HC for input on Q2.

VALUE STATEMENT:

QUESTIONS / RESPONSES:

Q1. Can you tell me which companies have the contracts and how many units each company is expected to deliver?

Q2. How many ventilators have been delivered from each firm and when are the bulk of the deliveries expected? According to the government's PPE tracker just 725 of the more than 40,000 the government has ordered have been delivered.