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Subject: For MO approval – Media Response – Tier 1 / COVID-19: PSPC data relating to the pandemic / La Presse

Hi Cecely, Emily,

For approval of the Minister's Office, please. [New info.](#)

Thank you,

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Media Response

La Presse

Leclerc, William (La Presse)

Date call received: April-16-20 at 12:30 p.m.

Deadline: April-20-20 at 4:00 p.m.

Tier 1 - COVID-19: PSPC data relating to the pandemic

BACKGROUND:

The researcher would like to obtain various data from PSPC relating to the pandemic, in connection with contracts awarded and employees. Q1 is for Commercial Acquisitions. Q2 and Q3 are for HRMD.

STATEMENT OF VALUES:

The Government of Canada is collaborating with the provinces and territories on an ongoing basis to identify their needs and to purchase the required equipment, supplies and services to combat COVID-19.

We are taking an aggressive, proactive approach to buying, especially when it comes to personal protective equipment for front-line healthcare workers. This includes:

- placing orders for everything that is immediately available.
- ordering ahead in bulk, with intermittent deliveries spread out over the coming weeks and months.
- ramping up domestic manufacturing capacity, through the Plan to Mobilize Industry to fight COVID-19, led by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada.

These initiatives are over and above the efforts provinces and territories are making to secure their own supply.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Q1. I would like to have the list of each of the contracts awarded by PWGSC/PSPC or through your department in connection with the coronavirus/COVID-19 between February 1 and April 16, 2020. (AB-COMM)

We are operating in unprecedented circumstances and are buying equipment and supplies via a very volatile supply chain. As a result, purchases made in response to COVID-19 are made under a national security exception (NSE), which means that solicitations are not published on Buyandsell.

To protect the integrity of our procurement processes and the integrity of global supply chains, we have to be careful at present with the information we provide, so as not to endanger our orders.

However, I would like to point out that we have announced several contracts in the last two weeks and we will continue to do this in the future, if possible.

Q2. How many PWGSC federal employees/public servants have been teleworking since March 16? (HRMD)

Public Services and Procurement Canada takes the guidance from the Public Health Agency of Canada very seriously and is asking its employees to telework whenever possible. However, there are still some essential functions that can be performed only on site. Across Canada, approximately 3.3% of Public Services and Procurement Canada employees are required to be present on site to perform these essential functions.

Q3. How many PWGSC federal employees/public servants have contracted COVID-19 to date? (HRMD)

There have been a few confirmed cases of COVID-19 among public servants. Departments are reacting appropriately to any suspected or confirmed case and are following the directives given by Health Canada and the Public Health Agency of Canada.