

Follow-up to the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates

Monday, March 22, 2021

QUESTION 1

Majid Jowhari (LPC): Madam Evans, I'm sorry, can you give us an idea from a quantitative number how many times the provinces reached out to you for various categories? Very roughly.

Cindy Evans: I could tell you the number of requests for assistance, I just don't have that number directly in front of me, sorry.

Majid Jowhari: That's okay. Can you make that submission to the committee? I'd really appreciate it.

ANSWER 1:

As of March 24, 2021, the Public Health Agency of Canada has received 118 requests for assistance, which supplement personal protective equipment (PPE) and medical equipment and supplies proactively allocated as part of the bulk procurement process. The top five categories requested since March 2020 have been face shields, gloves, gowns, respirators and surgical masks.

QUESTION 2 :

Julie Vignola (BQ): Thank you to the witnesses for being with us. Ms. Evans, I will probably ask you my question. How many respirators or ventilators have we received from FTI? How many have been delivered?

Cindy Evans: Mr. Chair, thank you for that question. I don't have that specific number at hand today.

Julie Vignola: Is it possible to receive this number shortly?

Cindy Evans: Mr. Chair, thank you for the question. Certainly, we could bring back to the committee a global number in terms of respirators that have been received.

ANSWER 2:

As of March 25, 2021, the total amount of ventilators received by the Public Health Agency of Canada, regardless of manufacturer or supplier, is 27,689. The Public Health Agency of Canada does not disclose amounts received specific to individual suppliers.