Answer on the question #55663 - Chemistry - General chemistry

Question:

For each of the following reactions, calculate the grams of indicated product when 16.9 g of the first reactant and 10.4 g of the second reactant is used:

 $4Li(s)+O_2(g)\rightarrow 2Li_2O(s)$ (Li_2O)

Solution:

Let's calculate the number of the moles for Li and Oxygen that are put into reaction:

$$n(Li) = \frac{m}{M} = \frac{16.9}{6.94} = 2.44 \, mol$$

$$n(O_2) = \frac{m}{M} = \frac{10.4}{32} = 0.325 \ mol$$

As with the reaction equation 4 moles of Li reacts with 1 mole of Oxygen, one can note that Li is in excess: $\frac{n(Li)}{4} = \frac{2.44}{4} = 0.61 \ mol$.

If we assume, that all the oxygen will react and the yield of reaction is 100%, then the number of the moles of Li_2O is:

$$n(Li_2O) = 2 \cdot n(O_2) = 2 \cdot 0.325 = 0.65 \, mol$$

Then the mass of Li₂O is:

$$m(Li_2O) = n(Li_2O) \cdot M(Li_2O) = 0.65 \cdot 29.88 = 19.4 g$$

Answer: 19.4 g of Li₂O is produced