

Hi there,

According to the office of Canada's integrity commissioner, Vibhore Arora, Amazon FC director of regional operations met with Sabrina Kim Issues Management & Parliamentary Affairs manager with the Prime Minister's Office, on March 17.

(<https://lobbycanada.gc.ca/app/secure/ocl/lrs/do/vwRg?cn0=361329&regId=893105&blnk=1>)

That was roughly two weeks ahead of Prime Minister Trudeau's April 3 announcement the federal government was partnering with Amazon to "manage the distribution" of Canada's medical supplies.

While the exact subject matter is not disclosed, Amazon's registration reads it has a mandate to lobby to expand Canada's digital economy and discuss customer delivery. The registration also reads Amazon has a mandate to lobby the PMO and Procurement Canada on a list of areas including health, but not the Public Health Agency of Canada, which reportedly signed the contract.

What was discussed at this meeting? Did this have anything to do with Canada's COVID-19 response? Did the PMO have any communications with PHAC regarding a contract with Amazon? Please aim to send us comment by 3:30 EST. If you intend to comment but cannot make this time please get in touch as soon as possible and we can make alternate arrangements. Thank you