

**EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

OFFICE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND PAYMENT OF INDIVIDUAL ENTITLEMENTS

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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2013-1196**

Dear Sir,

We refer to your e-mail of 27 February 2013 addressed to the RTD Access Documents functional mailbox in which you request a copy of documents containing information on salary payments and notification of the amount of tax deducted on salary and the net amount paid, as well as on expenses payments and breakdown of payments by category made to Commissioner Geoghegan-Quinn in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012.

Your request was forwarded to the Office for Administration and payment of individual entitlements (PMO) which handles salary payments and expenses payments for Commission staff members.

On the part of your request for documents concerning the salary payments to Commissioner Geoghegan-Quinn and information on the amount of tax deducted and the net amount paid to the Commissioner, you will find enclosed an overview of the financial entitlements of the Members at the Commission and of the taxes.

However, we cannot provide you with documents containing the actual salary paid and the tax deducted, since these elements are based on the personal situation of the Commissioner and thus constitute personal information as defined in Regulation (EC) No 45/2001<sup>1</sup> which cannot be disclosed to third parties.

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data, OJ L 008, 12.01.2001, p. 1 - 22

On your request for expenses payments to Commissioner Geoghegan-Quinn and breakdown of payments by category, you will find attached a table giving, for the requested years, the overall costs of business trips and representation expenses of Commissioner Geoghegan-Quinn, which she undertook in the framework of her professional duties.

The mission costs include travel costs, accommodation costs, daily subsistence allowances and any other expenses which are eligible for reimbursement according to the Guide to Missions for officials and other servants of the Commission, the Financial Regulation and the internal rules on the implementation of the budget of the EU, completed with the rules of the Code of conduct for Commissioners.

Under the existing regulatory framework, the representation costs can concern all expenditure incurred in the framework of professional contacts with people from outside the institutions either at their place of employment or on mission (see Code of conduct for Commissioners and the Commission Decision C(2007)3494). More specifically, the figures recorded in the attached tables are related to the reimbursement of expenses which were personally paid by Commissioner Quinn.

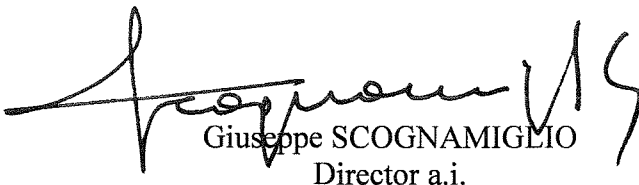
Your request for access to a breakdown of payments by category cannot be granted, as such breakdown also contains personal data, which is subject to the rules of Regulation Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and cannot be communicated to third parties.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application for the part of your request where access was not granted, requesting the Commission to review this position. Any such request would be required to provide the Commission with arguments showing the need to have these personal data transferred to you and the absence of adverse effects to the legitimate rights of the person whose personal data should be disclosed.

Should you wish to make such a request, such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Enclosure:   - financial entitlements of the Members of the Commission (at 1/7/2010)  
                  - taxes  
                  - table of costs of missions and representation expenses