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**Subject: Your confirmatory application for access to documents – Gestdem
2013/3738**

Dear Mr Dohle,

I refer to your e-mail of 1 August 2013, registered on 6 August 2013, by which you lodge a confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents¹ (hereafter Regulation 1049/2001).

We regret that, due to the need to analyse your confirmatory application in light of the large number of initial requests lodged by you, combined with several justified absences amongst the staff dealing with your requests during the holiday period, we were not able to gather all the elements needed to carry out a full analysis of your request and, therefore, have not been in a position to reply to your confirmatory request within the prescribed time limit expiring 28 August 2013.

In your initial application of 15 June 2013, addressed to the Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (DG EMPL), you requested access to:

- *all correspondence, correspondence, logs related to the establishment of the Ad Hoc Expert Group on the Transition from Institutional to Community-based care;*
- *all documents, correspondence, logs related to the establishment of the European Expert Group on De-institutionalisation.*

DG EMPL sent you a copy of three documents referring to expert groups on de-institutionalisation, from which personal data were removed.

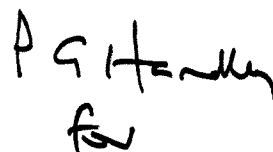
¹ OJ L145, 31.05.2001 p.43

In your confirmatory application, you question whether there could be any other documents (or parts thereof) falling under the scope of your request.

In the meantime, DG EMPL has informed us that it has sent you these additional documents.

In light of this, I consider that your confirmatory application has become devoid of purpose.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Szlaszewski' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hubert Szlaszewski