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Brussels,  
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Dear Mr Harris,

**Subject: Your application for access to documents- ARES(2014)4187517**

We refer to your e-mail dated 11 December 2014 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 12 December 2014 under the above mentioned reference number.

You are requesting access to "*documents which contain details of DG EMPL's spending on external consultants for each of the last five financial years (2009-2013) and a breakdown by year of which firms this money was spent with*".


Please find attached two documents corresponding to your request. Please note that the Commission interpreted "*consultancy*" as "services provided by external firms with a primary purpose of giving expert advice" (such as the outsourcing of operational activities, IT development, studies, evaluations etc.).

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On the other hand, I refer to the answer you already received from DG Budget on 25 September 2014 in reply to your request for access No 2014/4032, more specifically as regards the additional information which is already publicly available through the Commission's Financial Transparency System.

I trust that this information will be useful for you.

Yours faithfully,



Olivier Rouland

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