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**Subject:** **Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2019/1554**

Dear Mr Merino,

We refer to your e-mail dated 13/03/2019 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 14/03/2019 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to a list of all lobby meetings held by the commissioner in charge of Agriculture and Rural Development, Phil Hogan, or any other member of its Cabinet with any organisations representing churches and/or religious communities since 2014 onwards, including all emails, minutes, reports or any other briefing papers related to all those meetings.

We regret to inform you that the Cabinet Hogan does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

Given that no such documents, corresponding to the description given in your application, are held by the Commission, the Commission is not in a position to fulfil your request.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

Such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission
Secretariat-General
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)
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Yours sincerely,


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