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***(via e-mail)***

Dear Mr Roberts,

**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2019/4816**

We refer to your request dated 14 August 2019 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered under the above-mentioned reference number as follows: *"All documents including communications and presentations received in the last 24 months from lobby groups and/or member states on the subject of a European carbon border tax"*.

We regret to inform you that DG Taxation and Customs Union does not hold documents that would correspond to the description given in your application. As such, we are not in a position to handle your request.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution. There is no obligation under the said Regulation to create new documents if they do not exist.

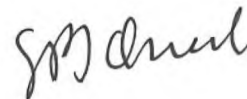
In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

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

European Commission  
Secretariat-General  
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)  
BERL 7/067  
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or by email to: [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Quest', written in a cursive style.

Stephen Quest