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Ms Vicky Cann

By email: ask+request-879-
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Dear Madam,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2013/5780

We refer to your e-mail dated 19/11/2013 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 20/11/2013.

Your application concerns the documents which relate to Joao Pacheco, his move to Allen F. Johnson & Associates consulting firm and any other outside activities which he may be undertaking. This reply refers to your request in relation to Article 16 of the Staff Regulations on occupational activities after leaving the service.

I have examined your request under the provisions of Regulation 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents. I regret to inform you that access cannot be granted to any documents in this matter, as the Commission is currently looking into the matter in order to ascertain whether the rules have been fully complied with in this particular case. The requested documents are part of this assessment and thus fall under the exception in Article 4 (2) of Regulation 1049/2001¹: "*The institutions shall refuse access to a document where disclosure would undermine the protection of:*

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— *the purpose of inspections, investigations and audits,
unless there is an overriding public interest in disclosure.*"

¹ Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents, OJ L 145, 31.05.2001, p.43.


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
Secretary-General
Transparency unit SG-B-5
BERL 5/327
B-1049 Brussels

or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Irene Souka', written in a cursive style.

Irene SOUKA