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Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/3463

Dear Mr Cranston,

We refer to your email of 27 May 2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 27 May 2021 under the above-mentioned reference number.

Please accept our apologies for the delay in replying to your request, due to the exceptional workload related to the 'Delivering the European Green Deal' legislative package.

You request access to:

All documentation (including but not limited to all email correspondence, attendance lists, agendas, background papers, transcripts, recordings and minutes/notes) relating to the meeting listed below:

Between Laure Chapuis-Kombos, cabinet member of Commissioner Kadri Simson, and Arla Foods amba (Arla) on 05/05/2021 to discuss ongoing developments around key energy dossiers relevant for Arla including Methane Strategy, RED II revision, bioeconomy and biogas.

Your application concerns the following documents:

Ares reference	Date	Title
Ares(2021)1588897	02/03/2021	MEETING REQUEST LC - KN open date - with Executive Vice President for Arla Foods to discuss Methane Strategy, RED II revision, bioeconomy and biogas
Ares(2021)2840718	28/04/2021	Completion of Climate Check decarbonisation tool for dairy farmers
Ares(2021)7574099	05/05/2021	Meeting Minutes Laure Chapuis with Arla Foods representatives

I am glad to inform you that you can have wide partial access to all documents, subject only to the redaction of personal data. Please find enclosed redacted copies of these documents.

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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:

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Secretariat-General
Unit C.1. 'Transparency, Document Management and Access to Documents (SG.C.1)
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Yours faithfully,

(e-signed)

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