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Subject: Your confirmatory application GestDem 2015/6011

Dear Mr Darbshire,

I refer to your confirmatory application submitted on 28 January 2016 under Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, in which you contest the tacit refusal of the Office for the Administration and Payment of Individual Entitlements (Hereafter: PMO) to your request for access to documents submitted on 16 November 2015. In your initial application you requested access to documents containing *information about the financial management system by which the Commissioner's expenses are processed and the database in which the data on expenses is held*. You explained that you were interested in particular in:

- *guidance manual or other instruction document or memo that explains by whom and how expenses are processed, including at which point and how and in which format and level of detail expenses claims are input into the electronic database system.*
- *summary document or guidance manual or other relevant document on the database in which Commissioner's expense are processed/stored, which contains details on the structure of the database, including the fields that it contains.*

On 7 December 2015, PMO sent you a clarification request pursuant to Article 6(2) of Regulation 1049/2001. It explained that your application encompasses a broad area of various expenses (such as salaries, medical expenses and mission costs) and asked you to provide a more accurate description of the scope of your request. You replied on 11

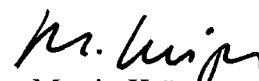
December 2015 clarifying that your request was focused on mission and representation costs.

In your confirmatory application you point out that following the above-mentioned clarification, you did not receive any further message from PMO.

However, shortly after you introduced your confirmatory request, on 12 February 2016, PMO provided its reply to your initial request. With this reply, PMO fully disclosed to you the two documents that, based on the clarifications provided by you, it had identified as falling under the scope of your request.

As mentioned above, your confirmatory application of 28 January 2016 was submitted against the tacit refusal of access to the requested documents, as no reply was provided to you by PMO at that time. As PMO has in the meantime, on 12 February 2016, provided an explicit (positive) reply, I consider your confirmatory application as closed.

Yours sincerely,


Martin Kröger
Head of Unit