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Klaus ZINSER

Subject: Your application for access to information request – Expenses for Commissions Organisation Changes through Cabinet Juncker

Dear Mr Zinser,

I refer to your e-mail dated 10/12/2015. We hereby acknowledge receipt of your request, which was registered on 14/12/2015 under reference number Ares(2015)5827490.

Following its examination, I note that you are not asking for any specific document, but rather for information concerning a number of issues. Please also note, in particular, that, as regards the new organisation of the Commission, replying to the part of your request about whether "there was an increase in the number of people" or "an increase in the summarized income and pension provisions" involves compiling information from a number of different documents. Therefore, your file has been dealt with as a request for information and not as a request for access to documents.

As compared to the composition of the Cabinets under the previous mandate, there has been a reduction of staff in Mr Junker's Commission. All regular Vice-Presidents (except for the First Vice-President) and Commissioners have one assistant (AST or AST/SC) less, leading to a saving of 26 posts. On the other hand, in regard to their responsibilities, the Vice-Presidents received 1 additional AD member and the First Vice-President received 2 additional AD members. This means that there was an increase of 7 posts. The difference with the previous mandate for the composition of the Cabinets represents thus, in total, a saving of 19 posts.

Regarding your question concerning whether there was an increase in income and pension provision in the current mandate, this detailed information cannot be provided since the total income and taxes depend on individual specificities and on family situations. However, overall there has been no change in the financial entitlements of the members of the Commission as compared to the previous mandate.

As regards, your query concerning Mr Michael Shotter and his post in Cabinet Juncker, I would like to remind you that the information you request contains elements which constitute personal data within the meaning of Article 2(a) of Regulation (EC) No 45/2001. According to Article 8(b) of that Regulation, personal data shall only be transferred to recipients if the recipient establishes the necessity of having the data transferred and if there is no reason to assume that the data subject's legitimate interests might be prejudiced. I consider that in the present case the necessity of disclosing the aforementioned personal data to you has not been established in your request.

Nevertheless I can provide you with a reply concerning the situation of Ms Catherine Day, who retired as Secretary General and was succeeded by Mr Alexander Italianer. Ms Day is currently attached as special advisor to the President's Cabinet (please see: http://ec.europa.eu/civil_service/about/who/sa_en.htm)

With regard to your last question concerning how to get to know the people's movements/changes within the [Europa.eu/whoiswho](http://europa.eu/whoiswho) over the past years either in papers or via Web-program or electronic data, the site whoiswho gives information on the current listings of staff. It is not programmed to get the information at specific dates in the past.

You have lodged your application via the [AsktheEU.org](http://asktheeu.org) website. Please note that this is a private website which has no link with any institution of the European Union. Therefore the European Commission cannot be held accountable for any technical issues or problems linked to the use of this system.

Yours faithfully,

Emiel Weizenbach
Head of Unit