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Subject: Your email of 31 March 2016 and 1st April 2016

Dear Ms Barbiroglio,

We refer to your email of 31 March 2016 wherein you have requested the Commission to provide you with a certain data.

We further refer to our email of 1 April 2016 wherein we have informed you that the request submitted by you is to be handled under the provisions of the Code of Good Administrative Behaviour being a request for information rather than an access to documents request.

I. With respect to your first question

1) How much money the UK government has sent annually to the European Union to fund research. I would like a breakdown of the data for the last 10 years.

Please note that in accordance with the provisions of Article 6, [Council Decision](#) of 7 June 2007 on the system of the European Communities' own resources, Member States contribute to the common EU budget and not specifically to research or any other sector.

In accordance with Article 310 of the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union (TFEU) "The Union's annual budget shall be established by the European Parliament and the Council in accordance with Article 314". Article 311, TFEU sets out that "The Union shall provide itself with the means necessary to attain its objectives and carry through its policies. Without prejudice to other revenue, the budget shall be financed wholly from own resources".

The Financial Regulation (Regulation No 966/2012 of the EP and the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, Article 20) further specifies this as the principle of universality: "total revenue shall cover total payment appropriations".

More information on the Union budget could be found at the following links:

http://ec.europa.eu/budget/mff/resources/index_en.cfm

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II. With respect to your second question

2) *The amount of money the UK government has been providing to the European Union for "Horizon 2020", "Cosme", the Consumer Programme, the "3rd Health Programme", the Research Fund for Coal and Steel, the Justice programme and the Promotion of agricultural products since those programme begun.*

Please also refer to our reply under point I.

III. With respect to your third question

3) *The amount of money the UK institutions have been receiving from the European Union through "Horizon 2020", "Cosme", the Consumer Programme, the "3rd Health Programme", the Research Fund for Coal and Steel, the Justice programme and the Promotion of agricultural products; since those programmes' beginning.*

This reply, being provided by the Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, addresses partially your third question, namely "*Horizon 2020*" and "*Research Fund for Coal and Steel*".

The EU total financial contribution from "*Horizon 2020*" to UK Participation until 20 April 2016 is € 2.064.620.748,59. However, please note that this Framework Programme is still ongoing (2014-2020). In addition, we also inform you that the EU financial contribution to UK Participation in the framework of the 7th Framework Programme is € 7.008.715.071, 00.

The total amount that UK Partners received from the Research Fund for Coal and Steel over the period 2003-2015 amounts to € 65.502.947,00.

Information on the programmes managed by other Directorate-Generals will be provided to you as follows:

- Information on "*Cosme*" will be provided to you by the Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs;
- Information on the "*Third Health Programme*" will be provided to you by the Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety;
- Information on the "*Justice Programme*" and the "*Consumer Programme*" will be provided to you by the Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers;
- Information on "*Promotion of agricultural products*" has been already provided to you by the Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development.

Yours sincerely,



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