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**Request for public access to ECB documents**

Dear Ms Darbshire,

On 8 July 2019 the European Central Bank (ECB) received your application for access to *“the travel expenses of ECB’s president, for the period 1st January 2017 to 31st December 2018 inclusive”*. In your application you referred to a previous access request you had made in 2018 with the same subject matter. Similar to request LS/PT/2018/21, we note that the information and data your request is referring to are not readily available. The ECB is not in possession of documents which correspond to your application as the information is contained in different electronic databases. Nevertheless, the relevant data has been extracted from the various sources and compiled in a comprehensive overview table of the business trips undertaken by the ECB President during the specified period in your request.

On 2 August 2019, in line with Article 7(3) of Decision ECB/2004/3 on public access to ECB documents<sup>1</sup> and owing to ongoing internal deliberations, the ECB extended the stipulated time limit for reply by 20 working days and prosed that your request be handled in batches. We are glad to inform you that we are now in the position to respond to your request for both years together. To this end, please find attached to this letter the detailed list of expenses for business travel of the ECB President for the years 2017 and 2018 which is fully in line with his published monthly calendar of meetings.

Please note that the ECB does not make use of air taxis.

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<sup>1</sup> Decision ECB/2004/3 of 4 March 2004 on public access to European Central Bank documents (OJ L 80, 18.3.2004, p. 42), as last amended by Decision ECB/2015/1 (OJ L 84, 28.3.2015, p. 64).

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Pedro Gustavo Teixeira  
Director General

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Attachments

Travel Expenses of the President of the ECB for the year 2017 an



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