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Sent by email: ask+request-10374-36650e01@asktheeu.org

Dear Ms Hirst,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2021/8097

We refer to your request for access to documents pursuant to Regulation 1049/2001¹, registered on 14/12/2021 under the abovementioned reference number. Your application is currently being handled. However, we will not be in a position to complete the handling of your application within the time limit of 15 working days, which expires on 13/01/2022.

An extended time limit is needed as your application concerns a document which involved different Services that must be consulted. Therefore, we have to extend the time limit with 15 working days in accordance with Article 7(3) of Regulation 1049/2001. The new time limit expires on 03/02/2022.

We apologise for this delay and for any inconvenience this may cause.

According to standard operational procedures, the reply is usually also sent by registered mail. Please note, however, that due to the extraordinary health and security measures currently in force during the COVID-19 epidemic, which include the requirement for all Commission non-critical staff to telework, we are unfortunately not in a position to follow this procedure until further notice.

We would therefore appreciate if you could confirm receipt of the present e-mail by replying to JUST-C4@ec.europa.eu.

Yours faithfully,

Bruno GENCARELLI
Head of Unit

¹ Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents, OJ L 145 of 31.5.2001, p. 43 (hereafter “Regulation 1049/2001”).