



Unit 2 - Inquiries

Access Info Europe
represented by Helen Darbshire

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Strasbourg, 02/12/2019

Complaint 2165/2019/FP

Subject of the case: Admissibility of your complaint

Dear Ms Darbshire,

On 27 November 2019, you submitted a complaint to the European Ombudsman concerning the European Commission's refusal of public access to documents regarding miscellaneous expenses of Commission President Juncker (on EC mission to Buenos Aires) and the manner in which travel costs are registered and published by the Commission. I have been assigned responsibility for your case.

As a first step, I can inform you that your complaint is admissible.

We have decided to open an inquiry into the complaint against the Commission's refusal to grant access to the documents relating to the miscellaneous expenses of Commission President Juncker under Regulation 1049/2001 and on the manner in which travel costs are registered and published by the Commission.

As this case has many similarities with case 1995/2019/MIG, I would like to inform you that we are coordinating the two inquiries in parallel.

On the Ombudsman's behalf, I have contacted the Commission to explore the possibility of resolving your complaint swiftly.

I will get back to you as soon as I am in a position to update you on the progress of the case.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the following telephone number: +32 2 28 43548, or the case handler, Ms Francesca Pavesi, at the following telephone number: +32 2 28 300 67 or at francesca.pavesi@ombudsman.europa.eu.



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Ó. Regan'.

Fergal Ó Regan
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