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2011/197

Your ref.
201100225-/HEH

Our case officer
Edvard Aspelund

Date
30 January 2012

INFORMATION - REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS FROM PREPARATION OF THE ACT, ETC.

Reference is made to previous correspondence in the above-mentioned matter, most recently the telephone conversation of 17 January 2012.

The Parliamentary Ombudsman has received a letter dated 26 January 2012 from Ole Kristian Fauchald. The letter indicates that it has also been sent to the Ministry of the Environment directly, but as a matter of form a copy of the letter is enclosed.

During the telephone conversations of 17 January 2012 between executive officer Ernst Inge Espeland of the Ministry of the Environment and senior adviser Bjarte Thorson of this office, the explanation given for the Ministry's failure to follow up on the case was, among other things, that the case is now being handled by a different official. Based on these conversations, it is the understanding of this office that the complainant may now expect a reply on this question of a re-assessment of his disclosure request.

Any comments on the other matters raised in the enclosed letter from Fauchald may be made in the reply to the complainant regarding the Ministry's re-assessment of his disclosure request. The Ministry of the Environment is requested to send a copy of the reply to this office.

On behalf of the Parliamentary Ombudsman

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Edvard Aspelund
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Enclosure(s)

Cc: Ole Kristian Fauchald

