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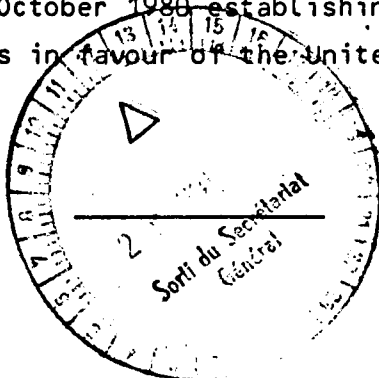
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Third Commission Report
to the Council and Parliament
on the implementation of Council Regulation (EEC) No
2744/80 of 27 October 1980 establishing supplementary
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Introduction

1. The first half-yearly report on the implementation of the Regulation establishing supplementary measures in favour of the United Kingdom covered the period from 1 November 1980 to 30 April 1981¹⁾; the second report covered, for practical reasons, the period from 1 May 1981 to 31 December 1981²⁾; this report covers the period from 1 January 1982 to 30 June 1982.

Verification of the implementation of the special programmes

2. To verify the use of the funds granted and the implementation of the special programmes and sub-programmes assisted, inspection visits by Commission staff were continued. An inspection of the railways sub-programmes, particularly in Yorkshire and Humberside, in March 1982 did not reveal any problems. Other inspections were made in May 1982 of the housing and land reclamation sub-programmes in Northern Ireland. There were no problems in connection with the land reclamation sub-programme, but it was found that payments in 1980/81 by the authorities responsible for the housing sub-programme had included an amount equivalent to 2.7 % of the investment expenditure on items not directly related to the sub-programme. Consequently, some adjustment will be required when forthcoming decisions are taken.

1) Doc. SEC(81)1140, 15 July 1981.

2) Doc. COM(82)137 final, 23 March 1982.

Payment of the balance of 10 % in respect of the decisions taken in 1981

3. As the Commission had decided to retain 10 % of the amounts allocated in 1981 to the railways sub-programmes until complete information about implementation was available, a balance of 15.0 million ECU remained outstanding³⁾. Following the communication of the final figures at the beginning of March and the satisfactory findings of the inspection at British Rail, this balance of 15.0 million ECU was paid. This means that all the amounts committed in the Decisions adopted under the supplementary measures up to the end of 1981, a total of 1 437.584 million ECU, have now been paid.

Carry-over of the advance not used in 1981 to the 1982 budget

4. At the end of 1981, the Commission, following a request from the United Kingdom pursuant to Article 5 of the Regulation, proposed that the Council should authorize an advance of 150 million ECU to the United Kingdom⁴⁾. As the Council did not take any decision, although the amount remained available, the Commission made a request to the budgetary authority in March 1982 to carry over the corresponding appropriation to the 1982 budget. The carry-over was deemed to have been approved on 10 May 1982. The amount of 150 million ECU is consequently available for use during 1982.

Budgetary amounts available in March 1982

5. In the General Budget of the European Communities for 1982, an amount of 1 654.212 million ECU is entered under Chapter 53 for supplementary measures relating to 1981. A further amount of 150.0 million ECU was provided for as an advance at the end of 1981, but could not be used. The budgetary situation was as follows :

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Entered in Chapter 53 | 1 654.212 million ECU |
| Advance not used at end of 1981 | <u>150.000 million ECU</u> |
| | 1 804.212 million ECU |

6. When the Regulation establishing supplementary measures was adopted⁵⁾, it was agreed that at least 80 % of total appropriations available would be paid by 31 March of the year following that in respect of which payment was due, in this case (80 % of 1 804.212 million ECU) 1 443.369 million ECU by 31 March 1982.

3) See paragraph 11 of the second report (COM(82)137 final, p. 5).

4) See paragraph 14 of the second report (COM(82)137 final, p. 6).

5) Council Regulation (EEC) N° 2744/80 of 27 October 1980 (OJ L 284, 29.10.80, p.4).

Decisions adopted in March 1982

7. As regards the application of these appropriations, the Commission had at its disposal the new figures sent by the United Kingdom authorities in October 1981 on expenditure to be carried out in 1981/82 under the same special multiannual programmes that had served as a basis for the Decisions adopted up to the end of 1981⁶⁾. It was therefore a matter of updating the seven special programmes for the North, the North West and the South West of England, Yorkshire and Humberside, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, and the special road investment programmes⁷⁾.
8. Taking into account all the relevant considerations (amounts to be distributed, the terms of the Regulation, in particular the requirement to remain within a prescribed limit for any individual sub-programme and to give equal treatment to similar sub-programmes in different regions except Northern Ireland), the Commission adopted eight Decisions, the main elements of which are shown in Table I attached to this report.
9. These eight Decisions, which involve commitments amounting to 1 617.843 million ECU, were adopted on 24 March 1982 and published in the Official Journal of the European Communities⁸⁾. With this new financial contribution, total expenditure under the supplementary measures since December 1980 now stands at over 3 000 million ECU. Table II attached shows the chronological and regional breakdown of the amounts committed since December 1980; table III shows the breakdown of appropriations among the special programmes and sub-programmes, and the rates of assistance granted in 1980/81 and in March 1982.

Present financial position

10. In accordance with Article 5 of the Regulation, 90 % of the new commitment, 1 456.059 million ECU, had been paid by the end of March, 1982.

6) See paragraph 4.3 of the second report (COM(82)137 final, p. 3)

7) See paragraphs 5-8 of the first report (SEC(81)1140, pp. 2-4).

8) Decisions 82/222/EEC, 82/223/EEC, 82/224/EEC, 82/225/EEC, 82/226/EEC, 82/227/EEC, 82/228/EEC and 82/229/EEC of 24 March 1982, OJ L 105, 20.4.82, pp. 16-31.

The present financial position is as follows (in million ECU) :

| | |
|---|------------------|
| 1. Entered in Chapter 53 of 1982 budget | 1 654.212 |
| Advance not used by end of 1981 | <u>150.000</u> |
| Total | <u>1 804.212</u> |
| 2. Pursuant to Council Minutes of 27 October 1980, at least 80 % of the total to be paid before 31 March 1982 (80 % of 1 804.212) | 1 443.369 |
| 3. Total contributions allocated in March 1982 | 1 617.843 |
| 4. 90 % of contributions paid by end March 1982 | 1 456.059 |
| 5. Balance of 10 % to be paid on receipt of statement certifying the use of amounts paid | 161.784 |
| 6. Amount available in 1982 (including 150 million ECU carried over) | 1 804.212 |
| Less commitments made in March 1982 | <u>1 617.843</u> |
| Balance to be committed in 1982 | <u>186.369</u> |
| | ===== |

The ad hoc Committee

11. The Committee on supplementary measures in favour of the United Kingdom held its fourth meeting on 16 March 1982. The object of this meeting was to adopt an opinion on the eight draft Decisions prepared for the application of the Regulation. All the draft Decisions were approved, those regarding Scotland and Northern Ireland unanimously, and the others by a qualified majority.
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Supplementary measures in favour of the United Kingdom

Table I

Financial contributions allocated in March 1982

million ECU

| <u>Sub-programmes</u> | North of England | North West of England | South West of England | Yorkshire & Humberside | Scotland | Wales | Northern Ireland | Total | % General | % Northern Ireland |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------|---------|---------------------|-----------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Roads | 15,756 | 43,832 | 0,501 | 13,751 | 67,466 | 67,538 | 31,334 | 240,178 | 40 | 50 |
| Electricity | 35,094 | 110,654 | 3,581 | 79,857 | 99,910 | 23,277 | - | 352,373 | 20 | - |
| Water and sewerage | 41,253 | 64,888 | 13,608 | 54,432 | - | 24,351 | 23,456 | 221,988 | 40 | 50 |
| Land reclamation | - | - | - | - | 5,013 | - | 0,322 | 5,335 | 20 | 20 |
| Telecommunications | 48,559 | 114,593 | 22,918 | 98,836 | 105,497 | 67,753 | 62,131 | 520,287 | 40 | 50 |
| Housing | - | - | - | - | - | - | 83,259 | 83,259 | - | 50 |
| | 140,662 | 333,967 | 40,608 | 246,876 | 277,886 | 182,919 | 200,502 | 1,423,420 | | |
| Special road investment programme | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 194,423 | 45 | - |
| | | | | | | | | 1,617,843 | | |

Table II

Supplementary measures in favour of the United Kingdom

Financial contributions allocated in 1980, 1981 and March 1982

million ECU

| | North | North west | South West | Yorkshire & Humberside | Scotland | Wales | Northern Ireland | Special road investment programme | Total |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| December 1980 | - | 101,400 | - | - | - | 92,100 | - | - | 193,500 |
| January 1981 | - | 64,300 | - | - | - | 58,400 | - | - | 122,700 |
| March 1981 | 106,490 | - | 28,140 | 144,580 | 159,540 | - | 125,670 | - | 564,420 |
| December 1981 | 39,136 | 77,544 | 13,173 | 75,213 | 73,459 | 56,698 | 40,280 | 181,461 | 556,964 |
| March 1982 | 140,662 | 333,967 | 40,608 | 246,876 | 277,886 | 182,919 | 200,502 | 194,423 | 1.617,843 |
| Total | 286,288 | 577,211 | 81,921 | 466,669 | 510,885 | 390,117 | 366,452 | 375,884 | 3.055,427 |

Commitments made in

Table III

Breakdown by region and sub-programmes

(a) 1980 and 1982

(b) March 1982

million ECU

| Sub-programmes | | North of England | North west of England | South West of England | Yorkshire & Humberside | Scotland | Wales | % of public expendit. | Northern Ireland | % of public expendit. (N.I.) | Special road invest. programme | Total |
|---|---|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------|---------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---|-----------|
| Roads | a | 30,350 | 48,692 | - | 17,199 | 66,955 | 73,424 | 50 | 46,463 | 60 | - | 283,143 |
| | b | 15,756 | 43,832 | 0,501 | 13,751 | 67,466 | 67,538 | 40 | 31,334 | 50 | - | 246,178 |
| Railways | a | 17,658 | 30,499 | 6,714 | 35,961 | 44,238 | 12,842 | 50 | 2,097 | 60 | - | 150,009 |
| | b | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Electricity | a | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 352,373 |
| | b | 35,094 | 110,654 | 3,581 | 79,857 | 99,910 | 23,277 | 20 | - | - | - | 168,584 |
| Water and sewerage | a | 36,917 | 43,876 | 9,767 | 41,552 | - | 16,533 | 30 | 19,939 | 40 | - | 221,988 |
| | b | 41,253 | 64,888 | 13,608 | 54,432 | - | 24,351 | 40 | 23,456 | 50 | - | 41,668 |
| Advance factories | a | - | 1,569 | - | - | 13,133 | 22,294 | 20 | 4,672 | 20 | - | - |
| | b | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Land reclamation | a | - | - | - | - | 6,585 | - | 20 | 0,441 | 20 | - | 7,026 |
| | b | - | - | - | - | 5,013 | - | 20 | 0,322 | 20 | - | 5,335 |
| Telecommuni- cations. | a | 60,701 | 118,608 | 24,832 | 125,081 | 102,088 | 82,045 | 50 | 59,597 | 60 | - | 572,952 |
| | b | 48,559 | 114,593 | 22,918 | 98,836 | 105,497 | 67,753 | 40 | 62,131 | 50 | - | 520,287 |
| Housing | a | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 32,741 | 20 | - | 32,741 |
| | b | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 83,259 | 50 | - | 83,259 |
| Special road investment programme | a | - | - | - | - | - | - | 59,22 | - | - | 181,461 | 181,461 |
| | b | - | - | - | - | - | - | 45 | - | - | 194,423 | 194,423 |
| Total | a | 145,626 | 243,244 | 41,313 | 219,793 | 232,999 | 207,198 | | 165,950 | | 181,461 | 1,437,584 |
| | b | 140,662 | 333,967 | 40,608 | 246,876 | 277,886 | 182,919 | | 200,502 | | 194,423 | 1,617,843 |
| Total a and b | | 286,288 | 577,211 | 81,921 | 466,669 | 510,885 | 390,117 | | 366,452 | | 375,884 | 3,055,427 |