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FIFTH COMMISSION REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AND EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
on the implementation of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2744/80
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Introduction

1. The previous half-yearly reports on the implementation of the Regulation establishing supplementary measures in favour of the United Kingdom¹ covered the period from 1 November 1980 to the end of 1982. This fifth report covers the period from 1 January to 30 June 1983.

Verification of the implementation of the special programmes

2. During the reporting period, Commission staff carried out further on-site inspections and document checks, to verify that the special programmes and sub-programmes were being implemented in accordance with the Regulation and the Decisions pursuant thereto. The inspections carried out in April 1983 covered the electricity sub-programmes in Wales and in the South West of England. The final outcome of these inspections is not yet known.
3. This ninth inspection means that all eight special programmes have now been inspected. All categories of investment for which assistance has been granted have thus been inspected at least once, particularly to check that the Community's financial contributions have been used correctly.

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(1) SEC(81)1140 of 15 July 1981, COM(82)137 final of 23 March 1982,
COM(82)460 final of 20 July 1982 and COM(83)100 of 1 March 1983.

Budgetary amounts available at the beginning of 1983

4. After the Decision granting financial assistance taken in December 1982² and the disbursement of all remaining appropriations by the end of 1982, there were no funds from previous budget years still available for 1983. Furthermore, the validity of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2744/80³ had run out at the end of 1982. Accordingly, for the supplementary measures to be continued, a new legal basis was required, together with entry of the necessary appropriations in the budget.
5. With the amendment adopted by the Council on 15 March⁴, this legal basis was created and the original Regulation was extended for one year. At the same time a Community contribution of 692 million ECU was proposed for the supplementary measures. This amount was entered in the amending and supplementary budget No 1 for the financial year 1983 and was thus available⁵.

Decisions of March 1983

6. The Commission was able to allocate these funds to the United Kingdom's existing eight special programmes for the three financial years 1980/81 - 1980/83. The figures for the expenditure proposed in the United Kingdom financial year 1982/83 were revised in February 1983 to show the latest position.
7. With due regard to the criteria contained in the Regulation, and particularly the limitations on aggregation with other Community financial instruments, on 23 March the Commission took seven Decisions, the main provisions of which are shown in Table I annexed to this report.

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- (2) See points 9 to 12 of the Fourth Report (COM(83)100 final, p. 4).
 - (3) OJ L 284, 29.10.1980, p. 4.
 - (4) Council Regulation (EEC) No 624/83 of 15 March 1983 amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 2744/80 establishing supplementary measures in favour of the United Kingdom, OJ L 73, 19.3.1983, p. 6.
 - (5) Final adoption of amending and supplementary budget No 1 of the European Communities for the financial year 1983, OJ L 60, 7.3.1983, p. 1.

8. With these Decisions, which were published in the Official Journal of the European Communities⁶, the total funds available for 1983 were exhausted before the end of the British financial year at the end of March 1983. The new financial contribution increased the total financial assistance granted since December 1980 for the supplementary measures by 692 million ECU to more than 3 900 million ECU. Table II attached shows the chronological and regional breakdown of all funds provided since December 1980, and Table III shows the funds allocated to the various special programmes and sub-programmes, together with the rate of assistance applied.

Current financial position

9. In accordance with Article 5(3) of the Regulation, 90% of the funds newly provided, i.e. 622.8 million ECU, were paid out at the end of March. The remaining 69.2 million ECU will be paid after the United Kingdom's official statement that the assistance granted has been utilized and exhausted has been received and scrutinized by Commission staff.

The ad hoc Committee

10. The Committee on supplementary measures in favour of the United Kingdom held its sixth meeting on 21 March 1983. The object of this meeting was to deliver opinions on the draft decisions prepared by Commission staff. The Committee gave a favourable opinion on all the decisions.

(6). Decisions Nos 83/151/EEC, 83/152/EEC, 83/153/EEC, 83/154/EEC, 83/155/EEC, 83/156/EEC and 83/157/EEC of 23 March 1983, OJ L 98, 16.4.1983, pp. 18-32.

TABLE I

SUPPLEMENTARY MEASURES IN FAVOUR OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

Financial contributions allocated in March 1983

MioECU

Sub-programmes	North	North-W	S-W	Y & H	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland	Total	% General	% Northern Ireland
Road	6.647	18.278	5.851	9.485	28.560	34.515	10.939	114.275	20	20
Rail	9.607	10.905	1.298	13.501	18.434	3.635	1.731	59.111	30	40
Water & Sew.	18.555	30.153	6.577	23.887	-	12.878	9.174	101.224	20	20
Telecomm.	39.984	84.953	13.605	68.700	78.411	44.035	30.686	360.374	30	32.5
Housing	-	-	-	-	-	-	57.016	57.016	-	20
TOTAL	74.793	144.289	27.331	115.573	125.405	95.063	109.546	692.000		

TABLE II

SUPPLEMENTARY MEASURES IN FAVOUR OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

- Financial contributions allocated from December 1980 to March 1983 -

MioECU

	North	North West	South West	Yorkshire & Humberside	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland	Special road Investment Programme	Total
Dec. 1980	-	101,400	-	-	-	92,100	-	-	193,500
Jan. 1981	-	64,300	-	-	-	58,400	-	-	122,700
March 1981	106,490	-	28,140	144,580	159,540	-	125,670	-	564,420
Dec. 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
Dec. 1982	9,043	21,574	2,024	31,692	46,412	1,093	9,437	65,094	186,369
March 1983	74,793	144,289	27,331	115,573	125,405	95,063	109,546	-	692,000
Total	370,124	743,074	111,276	613,934	682,702	486,273	485,435	440,978	3,933,796

TABLE III

SUPPLEMENTARY MEASURES IN FAVOUR OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

Breakdown by region and sub-programme

Commitments made in: a) 1980 and 1981

b) 1982

c) March 1983

MioECU

Sub-programme		North of England	North West of England	South West of England	Yorkshire & Humberside	Scotland	Wales	% of public expenditure	Northern Ireland	% of public expenditure (N.Irel.)	Special road investment programme	Total
Roads	a	30.350	48.692	-	17.199	66.955	73.484	50	46.463	60	-	283.143
	b	17.332	44.834	0.358	17.117	52.712	63.450	40	26.590	50	-	222.399
	c	6.647	18.278	5.851	9.485	28.560	34.515	20	10.939	20	-	114.275
Railways	a	17.658	30.499	6.714	35.961	44.238	12.842	50	2.097	60	-	150.009
	b	13.608	22.202	2.936	24.996	28.004	6.016	40	3.581	50	-	101.343
	c	9.607	10.905	1.298	13.501	18.434	3.635	30	1.731	40	-	59.111
Electricity	a	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	b	38.317	112.892	4.029	90.063	129.454	29.096	25	-	-	-	403.851
	c	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water and Sewerage	a	36.917	43.876	9.767	41.552	-	16.533	30	19.939	40	-	168.584
	b	25.515	54.360	11.101	46.124	-	22.704	40*	22.650	50	-	182.454
	c	18.555	30.153	6.577	23.887	-	12.878	20	9.174	20	-	101.224
Advance factories	a	-	1.569	-	-	13.133	22.294	20	4.672	20	-	41.668
	b	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	c	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Land reclamation	a	-	-	-	-	6.585	-	20	0.441	20	-	7.026
	b	-	-	-	-	0.978	-	20	0.358	20	-	5.336
	c	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Telecommunications	a	60.701	118.608	24.832	125.081	102.083	82.045	50	59.597	60	-	572.952
	b	54.933	121.253	24.208	100.268	109.103	62.740	40	56.849	50	-	529.401
	c	39.984	84.953	13.605	68.700	78.411	44.035	30	30.686	32.5	-	360.374
Housing	a	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32.741	20	-	32.741
	b	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	99.911	50	-	99.911
	c	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	57.016	20	-	57.016
Special road investment programme	a	-	-	-	-	-	-	59.22	-	-	181.461	181.461
	b	-	-	-	-	-	-	57.5	-	-	259.517	259.517
	c	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	a	145.626	243.244	41.313	219.793	232.999	207.198		165.950		181.461	1437.584
	b	149.705	355.541	42.632	278.568	324.293	184.012		209.939		259.517	1804.212
	c	74.793	144.289	27.331	115.573	125.405	95.063		109.546		-	692.000
Total a, b and c		370.124	743.074	111.276	613.934	682.702	486.273		485.435		440.978	3933.796

*) North of England: 30 %