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ORAL QUESTION (0-43/79)

with debate, pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure by Mr NOTENBOOM, on behalf of the European People's Party (Christian-Democratic Group), Mr DANKERT, on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr John Mark TAYLOR, on behalf of the European Democratic Group, Mr ROSSI, on behalf of the Liberal and Democratic Group, Mr ANSQUER, on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mr LANGE, chairman of the Committee on Budgets, and Mr AIGNER, chairman of the Committee on Budgetary Control to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Implementation of the budget of the Communities for 1979

On 25 October 1978, during the budgetary procedure, the European Parliament adopted the following amendments which were not subsequently rejected by the Council. These amendments were therefore definitively incorporated in the 1979 budget when the President of Parliament declared the budget in December 1978.

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Pursuant to Article 205, the Commission should implement the budget accordingly.

Article 353	Public health studies and measures	50,000	
Item 3544	Permanent inventory of sources of information on the environment	50,000	
Item 3550	Consumer protection studies	50,000	
3552	Consumer protection and information measures	100,000	
3741	Harmonization of industrial laws	500,000	
Article 379	Monitoring of freight markets	150,000	
Item 3920	Implementation of the education programme	40,000	
Article 550	Community measures in support of national regional policies	198,000,000 PA	
		380,000,000 CA	
Article 560	Specific Community measures	35,000,000 PA	
		100,000,000 CA	
Article 930	Non-associated developing countries	16,620,000 PA	
		50,000,000 CA	
Item 2100	Rent (Bangkok and Vienna)	279,800	
		(blocked)	
2240	Data processing	Remarks	
2243	EDP equipment	Remarks	
Article 254	Measures for young people	85,500	
Item 2720	Dissemination of information	Remarks	
3030	Housing for handicapped workers	85,500	
3052	Guaranteed income for workers undergoing retraining	token entry	
Article 317	Community supervision of the application of agricultural rules	token entry	
Item 3200	Hydrocarbons	4,000,000	
Item 3240	Energy-saving programme	7,000,000 PA	
		16,000,000 CA	
3241	New sources of energy	9,500,000 PA	
		16,000,000 CA	
3362	Long-term forecasts and assessments	857,000	
3371	Coordinated projects	226,000	

Since the debate on the 1980 budget will partly depend on how the 1979 budget is implemented, we should be glad if the Commission would answer the following questions:

1. How did the Commission utilize in the first half of 1979 the amounts adopted by the European Parliament?
2. How does it intend to implement the budget during the remainder of the year in the light of the decisions taken by the European Parliament?
3. Does the Commission regard the adopted budget as a legal basis for the utilisation and expenditure of the appropriations?
4. Can it further state whether in implementing the 1979 budget it has experienced difficulties with articles and items other than those listed above?
5. Can it also give a progress report on the budgetization requested by the European Parliament of :
 - Euratom loans (Article 329),
 - Community loans (Chapter 42), and
 - the European Development Fund (Chapters 90 and 91)?