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ORAL QUESTION (O-60/78)

with debate pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure
by Mr AIGNER on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group
(Group of the European People's Party)

Mr LANGE, on behalf of the Socialist Group

Mr BANGEMANN, on behalf of the Liberal and Democratic
Group

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tive Group to the Commission of the
European Communities

Subject: Implementation of the Community budget for
1978

On 15 December 1977 the European Parliament finally adopted the budget of the European Communities for 1978. By virtue of the powers conferred on it by Article 203 of the EEC Treaty, the European Parliament entered the following amounts by amendment - this is non-compulsory expenditure - in the following articles of the budget, against which the Council had entered nothing or very little, with a view to implementation of this expenditure under the budget by the Commission (Article 205 EEC Treaty).

		<u>Amendments</u>	<u>Total</u>
- Art. 266	Regional studies (Irish border regions)	frozen + 160,000	500,000
- Item 2729	Information projects relating to direct elections	2,000,000	(frozen)
- Art. 293	Promotion of human rights	+ 200,000	200,000
- Art. 307	European Trade Union Institute	+ 500,000	500,000
- Art. 316	Vocational training of farmers	+ 81,100	131,100
- Art. 321	Prospecting for uranium deposits	+ 3,000,000	5,300,000
- Art. 322	Aids for coal stocks	Token entry	Token entry
- Art. 323	Use of coal in power stations (commitment appropriations)	+ 10,000,000	10,000,000
- Item 3240	Community energy-saving programme	+ 2,000,000	2,000,000
- Item 3241	Coal gasification and liquefaction	+ 2,000,000	2,000,000
- Item 3242	Exploitation of geo-thermal resources	+ 2,000,000	2,000,000
- Item 3333	Physical protection measures of the JRC establishments (commitment appropriations)	+ 4,455,000 + 5,500,000	4,455,000 5,500,000
- Item 3358	Irradiated fuel re-processing	Token entry	Token entry
- Item 3359	Phasing-out of nuclear installations	Token entry	Token entry
- Chapter 100	(Items 3358 and 3359)	+ 1,500,000	
- Item 3361	Primary raw materials	+ 2,000,000	2,000,000
- Item 3362	Long-term forecasts and assessments	+ 532,600	532,600
- Item 3363	Light-water reactor safety	Token entry	Token entry
- Item 3364	Uranium ore prospecting and processing	+ 800,000	800,000
- Item 3620	First and second three-year projects (information)	+ 1,750,000	2,850,000
- Chapter 100 Item 3710	Technical research in the aerospace sector	+ 1,000,000	1,000,000
- Item 3711	Aids to the aerospace industry	Token entry	Token entry
- Chapter 100	(Article 373) Financial operations in transport infra- structure projects	+ 1,000,000	
- Item 3750	Loan interest rebates (structu- ral changes in industry)	+ 2,000,000	2,000,000
- Item 3751	Investment premiums (structural changes in industry)	+ 15,000,000	15,000,000
- Chapter 100	(Art. 390) Research projects in the field of technology and industry	+ 2,000,000	
- Chapter 59	Disaster aid	+ 5,000,000	5,000,000

- Item 9001	Actions intended to favour the export to the EEC of beef originating in ACP States	Token entry	Token entry
- Art. 909	Operating costs of the Commission delegations to the ACP States	Token entry	Token entry
- Art. 930	Financial cooperation with non-associated developing countries	+ 6,000,000	40,796,000
- Art. 945	Community contribution towards schemes concerning developing countries carried out by non-governmental organizations (NGOs)	+ 2,000,000	6,000,000

As the implementation of the 1978 budget is one aspect to be covered by the debate on the 1979 budget, we find it necessary to put the following questions to the Commission:

1. What use did the Commission make in the first half of 1978 of the funds voted by the European Parliament?
2. How does the Commission intend to implement the budget by the end of the year in accordance with the decisions of the European Parliament?
3. Does the Commission consider that the budget as adopted constitutes a legal basis for using and spending the appropriations?
4. Has the Commission met difficulties in implementing the 1978 budget in respect of articles or items other than those listed above?
5. Will the Commission also indicate the progress made in the budgetization requested by the European Parliament of
 - Euratom loans (Art. 329)
 - Community loans (Chapter 42)
 - European Development Fund (Chapters 90 and 91)?