REPORT
drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

on the amendments to the estimates of revenue and expenditure of the European Parliament for the financial year 1978 (Section I of the draft general budget of the European Communities)

Rapporteur: Mr M. COINTAT
The Committee on Budgets confirmed Mr COINTAT, rapporteur on the European Parliament's estimates for the financial year 1978, as rapporteur on the amendments to those estimates.

The draft amendments were drawn up by the rapporteur, having special regard to the proposals from the enlarged Bureau (PE 50.836) forwarded pursuant to Rule 50 of the Rules of Procedure.

At its meeting of 18 October 1977 the committee considered and unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution.

Present: Mr Lange, chairman; Mr Aigner, vice-chairman; Mr Cointat, vice-chairman and rapporteur; Lord Bessborough, Lord Bruce of Donington, Mr Dalyell, Mr Früh, Mr F. Hansen, Mr L'Estrange, Mr Neintz, Mr Notenboom, Mr Radoux, Mr Ripamonti, Mr Schreiber, Mr Shaw, Mr Spinelli, Mr Wurtz, Mr Yeats.

The explanatory statement will be presented orally by the rapporteur.
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Annex: Amendments
The Committee on Budgets hereby submits the following motion for a resolution to the European Parliament:

**MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

on

the amendments to the estimates of revenue and expenditure of the European Parliament for the financial year 1978 (Section I of the draft general budget of the European Communities)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rules 23(A), 49 and 50 of its Rules of Procedure,

- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and the draft amendments annexed thereto (Doc. 340/77);

1. Points out that the amendments which it is making to its estimates adopted on 16 June 1977 are essentially in the nature of corrections necessitated by decisions taken after that date and by subsequent new factors;

2. Notes that these amendments are intended to permit the normal development of parliamentary activities and of the work of the secretariat in 1978 without, at this stage, making full allowance for the requirements of the Parliament elected by direct universal suffrage;

3. Points out once again that it will be appropriate to meet those needs through a supplementary and amending budget to be adopted during the next financial year on the basis of a thorough review of the desirable organization of the activities of Parliament;

4. Deems it appropriate to release 64 of the 83 posts created in the estimates adopted on 16 June last, considering firstly that detailed documentation which may give rise to a rationalization of the services has now been submitted to the Committee on Budgets, and secondly that this committee proposes to agree with the Bureau on the implementation of certain measures for rationalization of the activities of the secretariat which might be taken when the supplementary and amending budget for 1978 is established;

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PE 50.742/fin.
4. Reserves the right, before completion of the budgetary procedure, both to release the 19 linguists' posts created for 1978 on adoption of its estimates, and possibly to create others to meet the growing translation requirements of the political groups;

5. Amends its estimates of revenue and expenditure and the establishment plan annexed thereto as detailed in the following draft amendments;

6. Finally adopts its budget for 1978, therefore, at a figure of 99,812,612 EUA;

7. Instructs its President to forward this motion for a resolution and the related amendments to the Council of the European Communities.
### OUTCOME OF THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS ON THE DRAFT AMENDMENTS

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<td>6 LA 4, 6 LA 5, 1 D1, 6 C3/3, 3 C3, 1 D2 Posts for the political group translations. The committee will discuss the matter before the end of the budgetary procedure in order to obtain more detailed information. Similarly, the 19 LA posts created in the estimates remain frozen.</td>
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<td>+1 A4, +1 A6, +2 C3 Secretariat, Committee on Budgets - specifically, Control Sub-committee. Adopted unanimously. The committee considers it essential to increase numbers of staff in the secretariat of the Committee, and sub-committee to meet the growing workload.</td>
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## BUDGETARY AMENDMENTS

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<td>New posts and conversion of temporary posts in the groups: + 1 C1, + 1 C3, 1 B3 to B2, 3 A7 to A6, 2 A5 to A4, 16 votes for, 1 abstention. Need to make a number of promotions</td>
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### TITLE I - EXPENDITURE FOR PERSONS EMPLOYED BY THE INSTITUTION

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<td>Two teams of auxiliary staff for 4 weeks in Strasbourg and 4 days in Luxembourg. 14 votes for, 1 against, 1 abstention. Need to cope with growing workload.</td>
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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

14 OCTOBER 1977

DRAFT AMENDMENT No. 237/rev.

tabled by Mr FELLERMAIER, on behalf of the Socialist Group
Mr KLEPSCH, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group
Mr DURIEUX, on behalf of the Liberal and Democratic Group

SECTION I - PARLIAMENT

List of posts

- Add to the list of posts the following new posts: 6 LA 4\textsuperscript{K}, 6 LA 5, 1 C 1, 6 C 3/2 secretaries in C 2, 3 C 3/2 clerks in C 2, 1 D 3/2 in D 2.

A) Expenditure

Increase expenditure by 593,500 EUA.

B) Revenue

Increase revenue accordingly: 474,800 EUA\textsuperscript{1}

C) Remarks

Additional staff for the translation, reproduction, distribution and mail departments, in particular for use by the political groups, in connection with the activities associated with preparations for the campaign leading up to the elections to the European Parliament.

JUSTIFICATION

It is essential for the European Parliament and its organs to have at their disposal a larger translation department, with corresponding increases in staff of the reproduction, distribution and mail departments.

This is particularly necessary for the preparation, translation and distribution of documents and press releases in the campaign leading up to elections to the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage.

The posts requested, which are equivalent to the minimum structure required to achieve the objective in question, would break down as follows:

- translation (6 languages) 6 x 1 LA 4 - 6 x 1 LA 5 - 6 x 1 C 3/2
- 1 C 1 (translation, reproduction, distribution coordination and planning)
- 2 C 3/2 and 1 D 3/2: reproduction, distribution
- 1 C 3/2 mail-telex.

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\textsuperscript{K} The LA 4 and LA 5 posts are reviser posts

\textsuperscript{1} + 118,700 EUA from proceeds of taxation on salaries
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for 9 months - amounts rounded off to the nearest hundred EUA

**Expenditure:** 554,700 EUA + 38,800 EUA = 593,500 EUA

**Revenue:** 89,500 EUA + 29,200 EUA = 118,700 EUA

PE 50.647/PdA/rev.
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

18 October 1977

DRAFT

GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 78

DRAFT AMENDMENT No. 259

tabled by Mr COINTAT on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

Section I - Parliament

List of posts

Add the following posts:

1 A 5/4 (A 4)
1 A 7/6 (A 6)
2 C 3/2 (C 3)

A. Expenditure

Increase expenditure by 59,800 EUA

B. Revenue

Increase revenue accordingly: 49,300 EUA

JUSTIFICATION

At its meeting of 18 October 1977, the Committee on Budgets once again agreed on the need for a quantitative and qualitative strengthening of its secretariat and for a single secretariat to be maintained for the Committee on Budgets and its control subcommittee for the reasons of substance already explained in many reports adopted by Parliament.

The increase in the establishment plan of the secretariat of the Committee on Budgets is intended to meet the growing work load resulting from the establishment of the Court of Auditors.

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1 + 10,500 EUA from proceeds of taxation on salaries
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

EXPENDITURE

Title 1 - chapter 11: staff - Article 110

Item 1100 - basic salaries .......................... 44,500 EUA
1101 - family allowances ............................ 3,600
1102 - expatriation allowances ...................... 5,700
1130 - sickness insurance ........................... 1,500
Article 116 - weighting ............................... 4,500

59,800 EUA

REVENUE

Title 4

Chapter 40: proceeds of taxation on the salaries, wages and allowances of officials and other servants 7,500

41: staff contributions to the pension scheme 3,000

10,500
DRAFT AMENDMENT

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

18 OCTOBER 1977... Doc. 270/268

DRAFT
GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1978

DRAFT AMENDMENT No. 268.
tabled by Mr COINTAT, rapporteur
on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

SECTION I - PARLIAMENT

List of posts
+ 1 A 7/6 (A7)
+ 1 B 3/2 (B3)
+ 1 C 3/2 (C3)
to set up a data-processing department

A) Expenditure
Increase expenditure by 44,700 EUR*

B) Revenue
Increase expenditure accordingly. 36,900 EUR

JUSTIFICATION

The enlarged Bureau considers it desirable to set up within the
Secretariat a data-processing coordination department.

Although the rapporteur is in principle in favour of setting up
this department, he can give only partial support to the proposals
submitted with regard to the establishment required. In his opinion
the initial core of data-processing staff should be fairly small, pending
a careful study to establish the correct size of such a department within
the Secretariat.

* + 7,800 EUR from proceeds on taxation on salaries
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

* BREAKDOWN BY ITEM

EXPENDITURE - Chapter 11, Article 110 - Item 110 11,000 EUA
  - Item 1101 2,800 EUA
  - Item 1102 4,800 EUA
  - Item 1130 1,000 EUA
  - Item 1131 400 EUA
  - Item 119 700 EUA
  Total .................. 44,700 EUA

REVENUE - Chapter 40 5,600 EUA
  - Chapter 41 2,200 EUA
  Total .................. 7,800 EUA
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

18 OCTOBER 1977...

DRAFT
GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1978

DRAFT AMENDMENT No. 250.
tabled by Mr COINTAT, rapporteur
on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

SECTION I - PARLIAMENT

Establishment plan

Complete the establishment plan as follows:
+ 1 B 5/4 (at B 5)

A) Expenditure
Increase expenditure by 11,000 EUA

B) Revenue
Increase revenue accordingly. + 9,700 EUA

C) Remarks
Unchanged.

JUSTIFICATION

The day nursery does not at present have a full time qualified nurse.
It has become urgently necessary to remedy this situation.

1 Breakdown by item:

1100: 8,000 EUA
1101: 700 "
1102: 1,200 "
1130: 300 "
1131: 100 "
119 : 700 "

Expenditure: 11,000 EUA

Chap. 40: 800 EUA
" 41: 500 "

Revenue: 1,300 EUA

2 + 1,300 EUA from proceeds of taxation on salaries

PE 50.660/PdA
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

10 October 1977.

DRAFT AMENDMENT

GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1978

DRAFT AMENDMENT No. 236/rev. II

Tabled by
Mr FELLERMAIER on behalf of the Socialist group
Mr KLEPSCH on behalf of the Christian-Democratic group
Mr DURIEUX on behalf of the Liberal and Democratic group
Mr de la MALÈNE on behalf of the group of European Progressive Democrats
Mr RIPPON on behalf of the European Conservative group
Mr AMENDOLA on behalf of the Communist and Allies group

SECTION I — PARLIAMENT

List of temporary posts

- add one C 1 post and one C 3 post
- post conversions: 1 B 3 to B 2
  3 A 7 to A 6
  2 A 5 to A 4

(a) Expenditure

Increase expenditure by 69,650 EUA

(b) Revenue

Increase revenue accordingly: 51,950 EUA

(c) Remarks

Enter the following text:

Strengthening of the political group secretariats.

JUSTIFICATION

The preparation of the organisation of the campaign for direct elections and
the strengthening of the press services of certain groups together with the need to
make a number of promotions which were not provided for in the draft estimates
justify these new posts and post conversions.

1 17,700 EUA from proceeds of taxation on salaries
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

BUDGET FOR ONE C 1 POST

EXPENDITURE - Chapter 11, Article 110 - Item 1100 52,000 EUA
- Item 1101 4,500 EUA
- Item 1102 8,200 EUA
- Item 1130 3,100 EUA
- Item 119 1,850 EUA
Total .................. 69,650 EUA

REVENUE - Chapter 40 14,100 EUA
- Chapter 41 3,600 EUA
Total .................. 17,700 EUA
DRAFT AMENDMENT No. 257.
tabled by Mr Cointat, rapporteur
on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

SECTION I - PARLIAMENT

A) Expenditure

- Expenditure relating to persons working with the Institution
  - Staff
  - Other staff
  - Auxiliary staff

Increase this appropriation by 55,000 EUA.

B) Revenue

Increase revenue accordingly.

C) Remarks

Enter the following remarks against this item:

'Appropriation required for the recruitment of two teams of auxiliary staff (duplicator operators) during four weeks in Strasbourg and four days in Luxembourg.

This appropriation may be used as the need arises.'

JUSTIFICATION

In 1977, the increase in the activities of the reproduction and distribution section already revealed the need to use the reproduction workshops in Strasbourg during four weeks each year. The same urgent requirement has arisen for the Luxembourg workshops.

The proposed increase will only enable the growing requirements for the reproduction of texts in the Parliament's own workshops to be partially met. The most important change in the present situation must consist in a reduction in the number of texts to be reproduced, especially when the texts are not those of the European Parliament.

If no such reduction were envisaged it would be necessary to provide for an endless growth and development of the reproduction workshops which cannot be envisaged and is out of the question because of the resulting serious impact on the establishment plan and appropriations.
SECTION 1 - PARLIAMENT

A) Expenditure
   Title 1 - Expenditure relating to persons working with the Institution
   Chapter 14 - Expenditure on social welfare
   Item 1490 - Other expenditure
   Increase appropriations by 72,000 EUA.

B) Revenue
   Increase revenue accordingly.

C) Remarks
   Unchanged.

JUSTIFICATION

The operation of the day nursery must be improved. It has now become essential to install it in more adequate premises than those available at present.

The full time services of a qualified nurse have also become essential.

A satisfactory solution to these problems will have to be found next year.

The increase requested is purely indicative, corresponding to half the appropriations at present entered against this item. Its purpose is to stress the urgent need for a remedy to an unsatisfactory situation. There is an entry in the estimates (Item 1010 for the rental and installation of a new day nursery) but that programme will take two years to implement. Urgent solutions must be found in the meantime.
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

DRAFT AMENDMENT No. 238.
tabled by Mr FELLERMAIER, on behalf of the Socialist Group
Mr KLEPSCH, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group
Mr DURIEUX, on behalf of the Liberal and Democratic Group

SECTION I — PARLIAMENT

A) Expenditure
   Title 2       — Buildings, equipment and miscellaneous administrative expenditure
   Chapter 22    — Movable property and associated expenditure
   Article 220   — Office machinery
                   Increase this appropriation by 6,250 EUA
   Article 222   — Technical equipment and installations
                   Increase this appropriation by 6,250 EUA

B) Revenue
   Increase revenue accordingly

C) Remarks
   Typewriters and reproduction equipment or additional staff for the translation and reproduction-distribution departments.

JUSTIFICATION:

The additional staff provided for under Amendment No. 270/237 for a translation, reproduction and distribution department will give rise to the need for additional equipment not earmarked in the preliminary draft budget. Its total cost may be roughly estimated at the additional expenditure figures entered above.

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GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1978

DRAFT AMENDMENT No. 252.
tabled by Mr. COINTAT, rapporteur
on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

SECTION I - PARLIAMENT

A) Expenditure
Title 2 - Buildings, equipment and miscellaneous operating expenditure
Chapter 29 - Subsidies and financial contributions
Article 294 - Scholarships
Item 2940 - Scholarships granted for research and study
Increase appropriations by 9,000 EUA.

B) Revenue
Increase revenue accordingly.

C) Remarks
Unchanged.

JUSTIFICATION

The enlarged Bureau and the Committee on Budgets have agreed to increase the monthly value of the Schuman grants from 16,000 to 20,000 FB. They have also agreed not to reduce the present number of grants which stands at 25.

This decision was taken after the adoption of Parliament's estimates in June; the resulting financial consequences are therefore not shown in the estimates. Provision must now be made for them before definitive adoption of the budget of the Communities of which the estimates of Parliament are the first section.
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18 OCTOBER 1977

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GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1978

DRAFT AMENDMENT No. 253...

...tabled by Mr COINTAT, rapporteur
...on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

SECTION I - PARLIAMENT

A) Expenditure

Title 2 - Buildings, equipment and miscellaneous operating expenditure

Chapter 29 - Subsidies and financial contributions

Article 299 - Other subsidies and financial contributions towards inspection costs

Item 2990 - Subsidies and financial contributions towards the cost of group visits

Increase expenditure by 310,545 EUA

B) Revenue

Increase revenue accordingly

C) Remarks

Unchanged

JUSTIFICATION

Requests for group visits are constantly on the increase.

Furthermore, it is necessary to take into account the increase in travelling costs and the decisions of the enlarged Bureau of 27 May 1977 under which the allowance for certain groups of visitors was increased.
DRAFT AMENDMENT No. 254.

tabled by Mr. COINTAT, rapporteur
on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

SECTION I - PARLIAMENT

A) Expenditure
   Title 3 - Expenditure resulting from the Institution carrying out special functions
   Chapter 37 - Expenditure relating to certain institutions and bodies
   Article 374 - Share of expenditure of the Audit Board

   Cancel the appropriation of 850,000 EUA entered

B) Revenue
   Reduce revenue accordingly.

C) Remarks
   Cancel the remarks.

JUSTIFICATION

Until the financial year 1977, half the appropriations for the Audit Board were entered in the estimates of Parliament and half in the estimates of the Council.

The creation of the Court of Auditors has changed this situation. The budget now includes a separate section relating to the revenue and expenditure of the Court of Auditors.
SECTION I - PARLIAMENT

A) Expenditure

Title 3 - Expenditure resulting from the Institution carrying out special functions
Chapter 37 - Expenditure relating to certain institutions and bodies
Article 375 - Share of the expenditure of the ECSC auditor

Cancel the appropriation of 149,300 EUA entered.

B) Revenue

Reduce revenue accordingly.

C) Remarks

Cancel the remarks.

JUSTIFICATION

Until the financial year 1977, half the appropriations for the ECSC auditor were shown in the estimates of Parliament and half in the estimates of the Council.

The creation of the Court of Auditors changes this situation. The budget now includes a separate section relating to the revenue and expenditure of the Court of Auditors.
DRAFT AMENDMENT No. 232 /rev.
tabled by the chairmen of the Political Groups of the European Parliament

SECTION I - PARLIAMENT

A) Expenditure

Title 10 Other expenditure
Chapter 100 Provisional appropriations
Article 1001 Provisional appropriations

Enter an appropriation of 9,680,000 EUA

B) Revenue

Increase revenue accordingly

C) Remarks

Enter the following remark:

'Appropriation to cover the European Parliament's contribution to information on elections to the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage'

JUSTIFICATION

An appropriation of 3 m u.a. was entered under this heading in 1977 (budget of Parliament, Chapter 100, Article 1001), with an allocation of 2 m u.a. to the political groups and 1 m u.a., for general information, to the Directorate-General for Information (10,000 u.a. of this sum was subsequently allocated to non-attached Members).

It is the unanimous view of the chairman of the political groups that for 1978 the appropriation under this heading should be raised to 9,680,000 EUA, with an allocation of 4,840,000 EUA to the political groups and 4,840,000 EUA to general information.

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SECTION I - PARLIAMENT

A. Expenditure

Title 10 Other expenditure
Chapter 100 Provisional appropriations
Article 1001 Provisional appropriations

Enter an appropriation of 9,680,000 EUA

B. Revenue

Increase revenue accordingly

C. Remarks

Enter the following remark against this appropriation:

'Amount intended to cover the European Parliament's contribution to information on election by direct universal suffrage. Use of these appropriations is subject to control by the responsible bodies of Parliament (this provision also to apply to the giving of a discharge) according to the procedure fixed by joint agreement between the Bureau and the Committee on Budgets; this procedure was applied to the identical credits in respect of the 1977 financial year.'

JUSTIFICATION

This draft amendment is identical to that tabled by the chairmen of the political groups (PdA 270/232/rev.).

An addition has been made to the remarks to underline the need for control by the bodies of Parliament over the utilization of this appropriation.
SECTION I - PARLIAMENT

A) Expenditure
Title 10 - Other expenditure
Chapter 100 - Provisional appropriations

Increase expenditure by 5,000,000 EUA.

B) Revenue
Increase revenue accordingly.

C) Remarks
Add the following remarks:

'Indicative estimate of the appropriations required to rent, fit out and furnish the additional installations and premises in Strasbourg, Luxembourg and Brussels with a view to the operation of the Parliament elected by direct universal suffrage. These appropriations are frozen and can only be used after the Committee on Budgets has delivered a favourable opinion'.

JUSTIFICATION

As indicated by the rapporteur in the report on the draft estimates approved by the Committee on Budgets and the Parliament on 13 June 1977, it is difficult to calculate the amounts needed to meet expenditure resulting from rental, fitting out and furnishing of the installations which will be used by the elected Parliament. It is however certain that additional appropriations will be required to cover the rental, fitting out and furnishing of the additional premises which will have to be provided to enable the 410 Member Parliament to pursue its activities under normal conditions.

The proposed appropriation is purely indicative. It does not reflect a precise calculation but has been set at 5,000,000 EUA because the present appropriation entered for the same requirements in respect of a 198 member Parliament is similar in scale (5,050,000 EUA for the rental, fitting out and furnishing of buildings).