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OPINION

of the Committee on Budgets

on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 83/76) for a decision on the continuation of the surveys to be carried out by the Member States on bovine livestock

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OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS

Letter from the Chairman of the Committee to Mr HOUDET, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture

Luxembourg, 14 June 1976

Dear Mr Chairman,

At its meeting of 2/3 June 1976 the Committee on Budgets considered the proposal from the Commission to the Council for a decision on the continuation of the surveys to be carried out by the Member States on bovine livestock (Doc. 83/76).

Article 2 of the draft decision reads as follows: 'The necessary expenditure to carry out the surveys under this Decision in respect of 1976, 1977 and 1978 shall be met by way of a lump sum to be fixed in the budget of the European Communities'.

The Committee noted that in Item b) 3) of the comments on Article 264 of the 1976 budget, Commission Section, 1.8 million u.a. are earmarked for surveys in accordance with Council Directive 73/132/EEC of 15 May 1973.

No financial statement was attached to the Commission's proposal. This is an infringement of the established regulation contained in Doc. PE 37.914 under which the Commission is required to furnish a standard financial statement for Community acts with financial implications.

During the Committee meeting the Commission submitted a financial plan for the survey, although only in one official language. This plan puts the cost of the survey at 1.8 million u.a., based on 10 u.a. per livestock unit covered and 340,000 u.a. for the compilation of statistics. The Committee on Budgets was able to approve the proposal on the basis of this information.

This opinion was adopted unanimously by the committee at its meeting of 14 June 1976.

Present: Mr Lange, chairman; Mr Aigner, vice-chairman; Lord Ardwick (deputizing for Mr Dalyell); Mr Artzinger, Mr Bangemann, Lord Bessborough, Lord Bruce of Donington, Mr Cointat, Mr Gerlach, Mr Lautenschlager, Mr Notenboom, Mr Patijn, Lord Reay (deputizing for Mr Shaw).

Yours sincerely,

Erwin Lange