



PR for European Elections?

The Member States were asked by Parliament on 10 March to fulfil an obligation which was first accepted more than thirty years ago, when the Treaty of Paris called for European elections to be held "with a uniform procedure in all Member States". It was, stated the Treaty in 1951 — and subsequently the Rome Treaty in 1957 — the task of Parliament to draw up the proposals and then "the Council shall, acting unanimously, lay down the appropriate provisions, which it shall recommend to Member States for adoption in accordance with their respective constitutional requirements".

Proportional Representation

The British Government's attitude to the proposed proportional representation system will clearly be crucial. Approval by the Council will require unanimous agreement and while the proposed system would require some changes in most member countries, the change would be fundamental for the United Kingdom. The resolution voted by Parliament calls on the Council to act "without delay", so that they "may adopt the provisions needed for the elections to take place in 1984".

A regional list system in all ten Member States was recommended in the report put forward by Jean Seitlinger (Christian Democrat, France). With the backing of most political groups in the 434-Member Parliament, the report was carried by a large majority although significant opposition came from British Conservative and Labour Members.

Regional Lists

Under the scheme proposed, each Community country would be divided into regions with each region electing between three and fifteen European Members. Voters would cast one vote in their regional "constituency", either for a party or for a preferred candidate on a party list. Votes cast throughout the country would be totalled to determine each party's proportion of the votes and therefore the number of candidates to be elected.

The report allows for deviation from the general rule "to take account of special geographical or ethnic factors". Thus special measures could be applied to Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland and to autonomous regions like Sicily and Sardinia in Italy.

Different in 1979

For the first European elections in 1979 each country decided which electoral system to use. Except for Great Britain (and Greenland, which elected one of Denmark's representatives) all countries used one or other form of proportional representation and most used a regional list system. In 1977, Britain's Labour government proposed a regional list system but this was rejected by the House of Commons in favour of the first-past-the-post system, except for Northern Ireland.

Labour's rejected proposal envisaged Scotland and Wales electing their eight and four Members respectively in single multi-member constituencies. England would have been divided into nine regions, electing between three (East Anglia) and 14 Members (South-east). For Northern Ireland the single transferable vote system was proposed — and was, in fact, implemented in the 1979 election.

A precise calculation of the result in 1979 had regional lists been used is not possible. However, it would probably have led to the election of 40 Conservatives (compared with 60 actually elected), 26 Labour (17), 10 Liberals (nil) and two instead of one Scottish Nationalist. In Northern Ireland the STV system resulted in one Democratic Unionist, one Official Unionist and one SDLP Member being elected.

Polling on Sunday or Monday

The Seitlinger report also suggests bringing polling days more closely into line throughout the Community. It recommends that voting take place on an agreed Sunday or Monday with counting in all countries starting when the last polling station has closed.

In June 1979 voting was spread over four days — from Thursday to Sunday. If this provision were agreed, the UK would probably vote on the Monday. (Only since the 1930s have British General Elections — but not all local elections — been on a Thursday).

Non-resident's rights

Another innovation proposed in the Seitlinger report — that citizens of Community countries living in another Community country should have voting rights in their own country for up to five years and that after that period they should have the right to vote where they are living — was defeated in Strasbourg. But, paradoxically, Parliament agreed to a proposal to allow people resident in a country for more than 5 years to stand for election. In 1979 only the Netherlands and Ireland granted resident nationals of other Community countries the right to vote (provided they had no vote at home). The UK is unusual in not granting voting rights to its own nationals living abroad, except for Service and Diplomatic voters.

Authority of Parliament

As in the case of the proposals for the first European elections, held in 1979, the Treaties specifically call on the European Parliament, rather than the Commission, to draft these formal proposals which are to form the basis of the Council's decision, thus underlining the constitutional authority of Parliament.

Addressing journalists in Strasbourg in February, Mr Seitlinger said that he envisaged consultations between the Council and Parliament once the proposals had been formerly laid before the Council.

The elections of 1984

The newly-elected President of Parliament Pieter Dankert (Soc/NL) discussed the importance of the 1984 elections in his inaugural address on 19 January, describing them as the first real European elections.

"These elections will only be a success if the electorate is convinced that the Community needs a Parliament elected by universal suffrage. The need to persuade the electors of the importance of this contest is a duty devolving on all Members of this House and on all those who believe that strengthening parliamentary democracy at the Community level is the very basis of the Europe we are trying to build."

Replies to Members' Questions

The European Commission has replied to a series of questions put down by Lord O'Hagan and Robert Moreland (ED/UK) about the Labour Party National Executive's statement "Withdrawal from the EEC". The replies are summarised below.

Economic benefits

The Commission does not agree that membership of the EEC "has brought little or no benefit to Britain"; or that "it has made inflation worse, weakened our economy, and undermined our industry and jobs". Since 1973, the Commission points out:

- the rate of growth in the UK economy, though lower than previously, has fallen less than in the original six;
- food prices have risen less than the general level of prices and additional processing, packaging and distribution costs have added significantly to retail food costs;
- Community membership has moderated the effects of increased unemployment;
- exports to other Community countries since 1973 have tripled and imports risen by 2½ times (WQ 1147/81, O'Hagan).

Withdrawal in law

Asked whether withdrawal is compatible with the Rome Treaty, the Commission states that the Treaty is concluded for an indefinite period (Article 240) and that there is no express or implied provision concerning withdrawal. "In the Commission's opinion", it adds, "the interests of the Member States are best served by continuing membership..." (WQ 1149/81, O'Hagan).

The Commission does not share the Labour NEC view that the UK would not be "in breach of international law in seeking to withdraw from the EEC having given due notice..." (WQ 1152/81, O'Hagan).

International relations

The NEC believes that, outside the Community, the UK would "widen and deepen international relations with non-members". The Commission's response is that, as the world's largest trading power, the Community plays a key role on the international scene and exercises a decisive influence in international organisations and trading systems. "Membership of the Community strengthens the international status of all the Member States, since their interests are more effectively defended and their policies have greater international impact when they act together." (WQ 969/81, Moreland)

The Commission does not agree that aid payments from the European Development Fund are too slow and that the Community does not aid the poorest countries. Within the Lomé Agreement there is more favourable treatment for poorer countries, it states, while other poor Commonwealth countries benefit from food and emergency aid and from the increasingly important programme for non-associated countries (WQ 970/81, Moreland).

Agriculture

THE CAP has protected farming from the most serious consequences of the economic crisis and without it there would have been

"additional and unacceptable decreases in farm income, including those of the poorer farmers and agricultural workers". The Commission is convinced that its special measures provide considerable help to the less favoured farming population, including those in the UK (WQ 971/81, Moreland).

A system of deficiency payments and production grants would be more expensive for the taxpayer than the Community method of farm support and would not in themselves reduce production incentives and farm surpluses, the Commission states. "To reduce costs and production while applying such support systems would require a significant reduction in support levels, with serious implications for jobs and incomes of workers in agriculture and related industries."

Applying direct national aids would seriously distort agricultural trade and would be likely to provoke countermeasures in non-agricultural trade and services (WQ 875/81, Moreland).

The Commission doubts that easy supplies of cheap food would be available on the world market after a British withdrawal. "World market prices are notoriously volatile... and may reflect short-term fluctuations in production or speculative action". The Community is the world's largest importer of agricultural products, worth in 1980 some \$40 billion (WQ 1148/81, O'Hagan).

Public spending and EC grants

Rejecting the NEC claim that withdrawal would mean that "a sizeable proportion of public spending" would "return to the control of the British Parliament", the Commission notes that the share taken by Community expenditure of general government expenditure (i.e. central and local government and social security funds) in nine Member States in 1981 amounted to 1.8% (WQ 973/81, Moreland).

Up to 31 October, 1981 the UK had received 2,978 million ECUs (£1,420m) in grants and 6,462 million (£3,780m) in loans. A state which left the Community would receive no more grants or loans, while "the settlement of the debts and payments of the claims involved would certainly raise very complex problems". (WQ 1146/81, O'Hagan).

Democratic control

Questioned about the NEC's "continual references to lack of democratic procedures" in the Community, the Commission comments that "scrutiny of legislation is thorough, open and firmly based on the democratic principle". (WQ 972/81, Moreland).

Defence and education

The Commission denies that there is any move towards a Community defence policy which it agrees for the foreseeable future should be the responsibility of NATO and the Member States. An independent study pointed out that too nationally orientated defence policies waste scarce resources and lead to the loss of innovative benefits from technological spin-offs.

Education is primarily a matter for national, regional and local government. However, the Commission believes that there is scope for educational cooperation within the Community "based on a respect for the rich diversity of education systems in the Member States". (WQ 967/81, by Robert Moreland (ED/UK).

French nationalisation measures

There is no ground for fearing that the measures proposed in the French nationalisation Bill would create distortions of competition within the meaning of Article 101 of the Treaty of Rome. The Commission will, however, take care to ensure that the conduct of the nationalised undertakings is compatible with the provisions of the Treaty, notably with those relating to the internal market and competition. The Community has seen both nationalisation and denationalisation measures in its lifetime and "such variations" in the scale and composition of the public sector do not in themselves constitute an obstacle to the progressive approximation of economic policies". Should difficulties arise, an appropriate solution under Article 6(1) could be found. (WQ 1012/81 by Fernand Herman (EPP/Bel) WQ 1211/81 & 1216/81 by Yves Galand (Lib/Fr).

Town-twinning aid

The Commission is to continue its financial support to the Council of European Municipalities, one of whose main activities is the promotion of town twinning. Direct grants to individual town twinning organisers cannot, however, be made in view of their large number and the limited size of available funds. (WQ 1505/81 by John McCartin (EPP/Irl).

Olive-oil price probe

The Commission is to check on the retail price of olive oil in all Community countries. (WQ 1191/81 by Joyce Quin (Soc/UK).

Battery hens

After an extensive study the Commission proposed minimum standards for the protection of laying hens in cages, including provisions for minimum space. (WQ 1438/81 by Ann Clwyd (Soc/UK).

Commission maintains position on coresponsibility levy

Despite the current low level of Community dairy stocks the Commission wants to maintain the current level of coresponsibility levy. CAP expenditure in the dairy sector remains heavy, states the Commission and it is forecasting a likely upward trend in EEC milk production. "Suppression of the levy for reasons of short term expediency could do lasting harm to the long term strategy", adds the Commission, "the levy is still required to discourage, and to dispose of, surplus production and to enlarge the market for dairy products..."

Coreponsibility receipts have amounted to:

Year	m.ECU
1977	24.1
1978	156.2
1979	94.2
1980	222.9
1981	503.0 (est.)

During these years, Milk sector expenditure 1977-81 was as follows:

Year	m.ECU
1977	2,948.2
1978	4,170.8
1979	4,621.7
1980	4,947.9
1981	4,178.0 (est.)

The levies were used for specific programmes, including market development, school milk, disposal of fats as concentrated butter and ice cream and improvement of milk quality; and other measures to dispose of milk surpluses. (WQ 1267/81 by Richard Simmonds (ED/UK).

Overfishing herring

To prevent overfishing of the herring in the Northern and Central zones of the North Sea, the Commission has proposed zero total allowable catches for the herring for these two areas. In the absence of an agreement by the Council, the Commission has approved national measures which give effect to these proposals.

To protect stocks of juvenile herring, maximum limits to the percentages which herring may form of the catches of sprats have been proposed.

It has also been agreed with Norway that the latter should have no catch possibilities for herring in the North Sea in 1981. (WQ 988/81 by Robert Battersby (ED/UK).

Commissioner Tugendhat concerned at "juste retour" arguments

Mr Tugendhat states that the Commission is concerned about the importance that has been attached to net budget contributions in public debate about the Community.

Budgetary aspects alone, he says, are not a true reflection of the benefits derived from Community membership, and should be seen in the wider context of political development.

All Member States reap economic, social and political benefits from membership, but unlike budgetary phenomena, most other aspects of Community life are not easily quantified. The elimination of customs duties and the abolition of quantitative restrictions between Member States, together with the establishment of common rules on competition, have produced a single market. The consequent increase in trade has led to economies of scale, and the European consumer has benefited either by a relative reduction in prices or by a wider choice of goods.

To undermine the Community's achievements in this field would obviously have serious repercussions on employment, but it is also difficult to measure the effect of the Community's existence on standards of living and employment. This difficulty, concludes the Commissioner, "is no reason

for ignoring in public debate the indisputable advantages in those areas". (WQ 1260/81

by Hans Seeler (Soc/Ger) and Dieter Rogalla (Soc/Ger).

Community food stocks lower

The amount of food products held in public intervention stocks in the Community are significantly lower than a year ago and in some cases represent only a few days' supply.

	Stock levels at 31/10/80 (tonnes)	Stock levels at 31/10/81 (tonnes)	Day supply in terms of overall consumption
Butter	170,900	8,600	2
Skimmed milk	227,000	312,700	58
Beef	309,000	240,000	13
Common Wheat	3,834,000	2,826,000	25
Wheat	148,100	248,400	22
Barley	896,400	809,100	9
Rye	473,500	337,600	41
Rapeseed	92,000	9,000	2
Olive oil	—	132,000	74

European Community Internal Trade

Share (%) of each Country's trade with each other in 1980.

Trade of	Belgium/Luxembourg	Denmark	France	Germany	Greece	Ireland	Italy	Netherlands	United Kingdom
Trade with:									
Belgium/Luxembourg	—	2.8	8.8	7.5	1.9	3.3	3.5	13.3	4.8
Denmark	0.8	—	0.7	1.8	0.7	0.8	1.4	2.2	
France	16.8	4.7	—	12.1	6.6	6.3	14.4	8.6	7.6
Germany	20.4	18.7	16.1	—	15.2	8.1	17.3	26.0	11.0
Greece	0.3	0.4	0.7	1.0	—	0.2	0.9	0.5	0.4
Ireland	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	—	0.3	0.5	4.5
Italy	4.5	3.9	10.8	8.3	8.7	2.7	—	4.4	4.3
Netherlands	15.8	5.6	5.2	10.5	4.5	4.0	4.0	—	7.5
United Kingdom	8.3	13.1	6.1	6.6	4.4	47.3	5.2	8.0	—
Community Total	67.2	49.6	48.9	48.2	42.3	72.6	46.4	62.7	42.3

House of Commons Written Answer by Mr Iain Sproat (Aberdeen, South) Minister for Trade to Sir Anthony Meyer, 23 February 1982

Bookshelf

The following are available (free) from the EP Information Office, 2 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1H 9AA.

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- The Position of Women in the European Community — European Parliament Resolution & Debate
- Practical Guide to the European Social Fund
- Practical Guide to the European Regional Development Fund
- Development of the Community from June 1980 to June 1981

Work in progress

DOCUMENT	SUBJECT	Main Cttee	Other Cttee
COM(81) 396 fin	Proposal for a regulation on air transport. (Rapporteur: Schwartzberg)	Econ	Trans
COM(81) 495 fin	Proposal for a decision on microbiological criteria for foodstuffs and feeding-stuffs. (Lentz-Cornette)	Env	Agric
COM(81) 483 fin	Proposal for a regulation on the classification of goods in the customs nomenclature. (Turner)	Legal	Econ
COM(81) 463 fin	Proposal for a draft decision on shore-based maritime navigation aid systems. (Remilly)	Env, Energy	Trans, Budget
COM(81) 450 fin	Proposal for a decision on the effect of processing on the physical properties of foodstuffs.	Env	Budget
COM(81) 558 fin	Proposal for a directive on precautionary measures concerning chlorofluorocarbons in the environment. (Scrivener)	Env	
COM(81) 508 fin	Proposals for regulations on the organisation of the markets in seeds and cereals and the amounts of aid granted for seeds. (Woltjer)	Agric	Budget
COM(81) 512 fin	Proposal for a directive on the limitation of noise emissions from subsonic aircraft. (Squarcialupi)	Env	Trans
COM(81) 517 fin	Proposal for a decision on a sectoral research & development programme in medical and public health research. (Pruvot)	Env, Budget	Energy
COM(81) 520 fin	Proposal for a regulation on the Community quota for the carriage of goods by road (Nyborg)	Trans	
—	Proposal for a decision to contract loans for the purpose of promoting investment within the Community. (Moreau)	Econ	Budget
COM(81) 554 fin	Proposal for a draft directive on the limitation of noise emissions from helicopters. (Squarcialupi)	Env, Trans	Econ
COM(81) 596 fin	Annual Report on the economic situation in the Community	Econ	
COM(81) 402 fin	Proposal for a regulation on special measures for improving the production and marketing of Community citrus fruit. (Gatto)	Agric	Budget
COM(81) 403 fin	Proposals for a regulations on the common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables. (Maffre-Baugé)	Agric	Budget
COM(81) 632 fin	Proposal for a regulation on the granting of special food aid to the least developed countries.	Dev	
COM(81) 80 fin	Modified proposal for a regulation establishing a Community system for the conservation and management of fishery resources.	Agric	
COM(81) 423 fin	Proposal for a regulation on rules for the application of articles 85 and 86 of the Treaty to maritime transport. (Nyborg)	Econ	Trans
COM(81) 541 fin	Amended proposal for a directive on the limitation of noise emitted by hydraulic and rope-operated excavators and by dozers, loaders and excavator-loaders.	Econ	Env
COM(81) 573 fin	Proposal for a directive relating to restrictions on the marketing use of certain dangerous substances and preparations. (Lentz-Cornette)	Econ	
COM(81) 580 fin	Proposal for a directive on taxes other than turnover taxes which affect the consumption of manufactured tobacco.	Econ	
COM(81) 589 fin	Proposal for a regulation establishing a European Regional Development Fund.	Reg, Budget	Control
COM(81) 590 fin	Proposal for a directive on tariffs for scheduled air transport between Member States. (Forster)	Econ	Trans
COM(81) 626 fin	Communication for a draft action programme on the environment (1982-86)	Env	Budget
COM(81) 887 fin	Recommendation for a decision on the conclusion of an agreement on fisheries between Canada and the EEC.	Agric	
COM(81) 536 fin	Proposal on the guidelines for the 1982 programme for financial and technical co-operation with the non-associated developing countries.	Dev	Control
COM(81) 653 fin	Proposal for a directive on cosmetic products.	Env	Legal
COM(81) 661 fin	Communication to the Council on medium-term projection of social expenditure and its financing.	Soc	
COM(81) 707 fin	Proposal for a regulation on housing in Northern Ireland within the framework of an integrated operation in Belfast.	Reg	Budget
COM(81) 683 fin	Proposal for a regulation on special measures for peas and field beans used in the feeding of animals.	Agric	Budget
COM(81) 716 fin	Proposal for a decision on the international carriage of passengers by road by means of occasional coach and bus services.	Trans	
COM(81) 712 fin	Proposal for a directive on the preservative used in foodstuffs intended for human consumption.	Env	

COM(81) 729 fin	Proposal for a decision on information and consultation procedure for tax matters.	Econ	
COM(81) 733 fin	Proposal for a directive on the approximation of the laws relating to wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors.	Econ	
COM(81) 757 fin	Proposal for a regulation on the import system applicable in the sheepmeat and goatmeat sector in 1982.	Ext	Budget
COM(81) 758 fin	Proposal for a draft resolution on a new Community action programme on equal opportunities for women.	Women	Budget
COM(81) 790 fin	Proposal for a decision on promoting investment within the Community.	Econ	
COM(81) 780 fin	Proposal for a decision on the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution from land-based sources.	Env	
COM(81) 773 fin	Amended proposal for a regulation on the control of concentrations between undertakings.	Econ	Legal
COM(81) 775 fin	Proposal for a directive on voluntary part-time work.	Soc	Econ
COM(81) 779 fin	Draft to the Council on Community policy with regard to retirement age. Proposal for:	Soc	Econ
	i) a directive on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in fresh meat.		
COM(81) 503 fin	ii) a directive on health and veterinary inspection problems on importation of bovine animals from Third countries.		
COM(81) 496 fin	iii) a directive on health problems affecting trade in fresh poultrymeat.		
COM(81) 504 fin	iv) a directive on the qualification of personnel carrying out health inspections, supervision and control tasks.		
COM(81) 497 fin	v) a directive on the notification of animal disease.		
COM(81) 501 fin	vi) a directive on health problems to residues of antibiotics and substances with a similar action in trade in fresh meat.		
COM(81) 500 fin	vii) a directive on health problems affecting trade in fresh poultrymeat. (Krouwel-Vlam)		
COM(81) 887 fin	Recommendation for the conclusion of an agreement on fisheries between Canada and the EEC.		

Resolutions adopted

DOCUMENT	SUBJECT	Date of Adoption
Com (81) 533	Directive 76/625/EEC Statistical surveys to determine production of plantations of certain species of fruit trees. (No report)	20.11.81
Com (81) 445	Amendment of reg No 2925/78 period of suspension of price condition of imported citrus fruit from Spain. (No report)	20.11.81
Com (81) 401	Amendment of reg 2771/75 on the common organization of the market in eggs. (No report)	20.11.81
Com (81) 615	Regulation 574/72 self employed persons & their families. (No report)	20.11.81
1-681/81	Annual report on the economic situation in the community — economic policy guidelines for 1982. (Delorozoy)	19.11.81
1-542/81	Opening of the community's historical archives to the public. (Schwencke)	19.11.81
1-243/81	Convention on the conservation of migratory species of wild animals. (Verroken)	20.11.81
1-641/81	Regulation on the scheme of generalized tariff preferences for 1982-1985. (Cohen)	20.11.81
1-732/81	Fish stocks occurring in the community fishing zone, the fixing of the total allowable catches for 1981. (Kirk)	20.11.81
1-763/81	Total catch possibilities available to the community in 1981 of stock or groups of stocks occurring in community zone (Quin)	20.11.81
1-693/81	Catch quotas between member states fishing in Norwegian, Swedish and Faroese waters. (Battersby)	20.11.81
1-621/81	Amendment for the third time 222/77 on community transit. (von Wogau)	20.11.81
1-627/81	Staff regulation of the officials and the conditions of employment of other servants of the communities. (Lega)	19.11.81
1-579/81	Convention on international trade in endangered species of wild fauna and Flora. (Muntingh)	20.11.81
1-667/81	Common organization of the market in wine. (Colleselli)	20.11.81
1-697/81	Export funds in the milk sector. (Woltjer)	20.11.81
1-731/81	Regulation on produce groups in the cotton sector. (Papaefstratiou)	20.11.81
1-661/81	Amendment of reg 2527/80 laying down technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources. (Gautier)	20.11.81
1-699/81	Regulation establishing a community system for the conservation and management of fishery resources. (Provan)	20.11.81
1-624/81	Acquisition and control of office equipment by the institutions of the community. (Price)	19.11.81

1-697/81	Surveillance and protection of shipping routes for supplies of energy and strategic materials to the community. (Diligent)	19.11.81
1-727/81	Revival of economic and political cooperation in the community. (Diana)	19.11.81
1-773/81	Strengthening the structures of European cooperation. (Klepsch & others)	19.11.81
1-776/81	European political cooperation. (Glinne & Hansch)	19.11.81
1-778/81	European political cooperation. (Scott-Hopkins)	19.11.81
1-669/81	State of negotiations on the renewal of the MFA (Welsh)	19.11.81
1-686/81	Pollution of the Rhine (Johnson)	20.11.81
1-276/81	State of the community environment (Alber)	20.11.81
1-639/81	Results of the visit by a delegation from the European Parliament to Cambodia. (Cohen)	20.11.81
1-733/81	Draft supplementary and amending budget No 2 for 1981. (Adonnino)	19.11.81
Com (81) 593	Catch quotas for 1982 of member states fishing in the area defined in the NAFO convention. (No report)	18.12.81
Com (81) 621	Conservation and management of fishery resources of vessels flying the flag of Norway for 1981. (No report)	18.12.81
Com (81) 692	I. Decision concerning the conclusion of the convention between the EEC and the UN relief and works agency for Palestine refugees (UNRWA)	
	II. Supply of sugar to UNRWA as food aid. (No report)	18.12.81
1-807/81	Regulation concerning flowering bulbs, corms and tubers. (Douro)	18.12.81
1-809/81	Directive concerning vineyards in certain Mediterranean regions in France. (Martin)	18.12.81
1-843/81	Regulation concerning the tariff quota for frozen beef & veal. (Seeler)	18.12.81
1-835/81	Directive concerning combined road/rail carriage of goods. (von Alemann)	18.12.81
1-819/81	1982 programme for the financial & technical cooperation with the non-associated developing countries. (Enright)	18.12.81
1-688/81	Statistical surveys of areas under vines. (Dalsass)	18.12.81
1-808/81	Regulation concerning seeds, cereals and the common customs tariff. (Vernimmen)	18.12.81
1-832/81	Decision concerning an agreement on fisheries between Canada & EEC. (Gautier)	18.12.81
1-798/81	Directive concerning taxes which affect the consumption of manufactured tobacco. (Beumer)	18.12.81
1-830/81	Social aspects in the community sea fishing sector. (Woltjer)	18.12.81
1-744/81	Decision adopting a research and development in the raw materials sector. (Croux)	18.12.81
1-665/81	Directive concerning the exercise of the right of appeal in respect of customs matters. (Janssen van Raay)	18.12.81
1-817/81	Regulation concerning an exceptional food aid for the least-developed countries. (Cohen)	16.12.81
1-422/81	The community's anti-dumping activities. (Welsh)	16.12.81
1-758/81	Committees of the Parliament. (Prag)	16.12.81
1-828/81	Seat of the institutions of the Community. (Zagari)	16.12.81
1-824/81	Work of the ACP-EEC joint committee and consultative assembly in 1981. (Clement)	16.12.81
1-886/81	Prospects for the North-South dialogue. (Poniatowski)	17.12.81
1-689/81	Tenth report on competition policy. (Beazley)	17.12.81
1-872/81	Situation in Poland. (Glinne & Hansch)	17.12.81
1-883/81	Situation in Poland. (Scott-Hopkins & Fergusson)	17.12.81
1-885/81	Situation in Poland. (Bangemann & Haagerup)	17.12.81
1-834/81	Natural disaster in Denmark. (Nyborg)	17.12.81
1-875/81	Natural disaster on the western coast of Jutland & Northern Germany. (Nielsen)	17.12.81
1-882/81	Emergency aid for the areas struck by the hurricane on 25 November 1981. (Kirk)	17.12.81
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1-874/81	Situation in Southern Africa (Glinne & Cohen)	17.12.81
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1-823/81	UN conference on the least-developed countries. (Cohen)	18.12.81
1-840/81	Court of Auditors report on activities of the ECSC for 1978 and 1979 and on Parliament's discharge of these activities. (Antoniozzi)	15.12.81
1-839/81	ECSC levy rate for 1982. (Nord)	15.12.81
1-860/81	General budget of the communities for the year 1982 section III. (Spinelli)	17.12.81
1-767/81	Introduction of one week per month free of European Parliament meetings. (Sieglerschmidt)	17.12.81
1-895/81	Refugees from Poland. (Habsburg)	17.12.81
1-794/81	Subsidization of gas to Dutch horticulturalists. (Welsh)	17.12.81
1-855/81	Commemoration of 21 March 1982 as Afghanistan day. (Bethell)	17.12.81
1-821/81	Organization of a survey on the structure of agricultural holdings for 1983. (No report)	22.1.82
1-844/81	Amendment of Directive 64/432/EEC relating to brucellosis in certain bovine animals. (No report)	22.1.82
1-929/81	Amending regulation No 1785/81 on the organization of the markets in the sugar sector. (No report)	22.1.82
1-930/81	Eradication of brucellosis, tuberculosis and leukosis in cattle. (Maher)	21.1.82
1-799/81	Goods sent from one Member State for temporary use in another. (Carossino)	22.1.82

1-943/81	Situation in Turkey. (Fanti, Picquet)	22.1.82
1-357/81	Transport of dangerous substances. (Gatto)	22.1.82
1-355/81	Transport of radioactive substances and waste. (Seefeld)	22.1.82
1-935/81	Day of solidarity with the Polish people. (Moorhouse)	21.1.82
1-931/81	Special aid for raw tobacco following the earthquake in Italy in Nov 1980. (Costanzo)	15.2.82
1-648/81	Contribution of rural development to the re-establishment of regional balances in the Community. (Faure)	16.2.82
1-736/81	'Mediterranean plan' for the benefit of Mediterranean countries belonging to the European Community and the applicant countries Portugal and Spain. (Pottering)	16.2.82
1-825/81	First periodic report on the social and economic situation of the regions of the Community. (Delmotte)	17.2.82
1-687/81	Fifth medium-term economic policy programme. (Herman)	17.2.82
1-971/81	European Monetary System. (Purvis)	17.2.82
1-979/81	Mandate of 30 May 1980. (Hopper)	17.2.82
1-1036/81	Mandate of 30 May 1980. (Plumb)	17.2.82
1-1002/81	Anti-dumping suits brought by the American iron & steel industry against Community exports. (Wagner)	18.2.82
1-1010/81	Obstacles to trade between the United States and the EEC (Deleau)	18.2.82
1-1018/81	Soviet export of natural gas to certain Member States. (Berkhouwer)	18.2.82
1-1017/71	Blockage of Italian wines in France. (Ligios)	18.2.82
1-999/81	Storm damage in Ireland. (McCartin)	18.2.82
1-1001/81	Floods in France (Poirier)	18.2.82
1-1024/81	Aid for St Marcellin hit by hurricane on 28 Dec 1981. (Duport)	18.2.82
1-1027/81	Aid to Madagascar following disaster. (Focke)	18.2.82
1-685/81	Role of the European Parliament in the negotiations and ratifications of treaties. (Blumenfeld)	18.2.82
1-848/81	Situation and problems of the aged in the Community. (Squarcialupi)	18.2.82
1-569/81	Environmental impact of certain projects. (Weber)	18.2.82
1-854/81	Situation of small and medium-sized undertakings in the Community. (Deleau)	19.2.82
1-709/81	Financing of nuclear power stations. (Walz)	19.2.82
1-985/81	Decision on coking coal. (Rogalla)	19.2.82
1-662/81	Coal supplies in the Community. (Rinsche)	19.2.82
1-1034/81	Common organisation of the markets in the sugar sector. (Woltjer)	19.2.82
1-810/81	Recommendation on work involving DNA. (Ceravolo)	19.2.82
1-643/81	Directive on flavourings in foodstuffs. (Ghergo)	19.2.82

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Economic	30 Mar — 31 Mar
Legal	30 Mar — 31 Mar
Budgets	31 Mar — 1 Apr
External	31 Mar — 1 Apr
Social	31 Mar — 2 Apr
Environment	31 Mar — 1 Apr
Rules	31 Mar — 1 Apr
Control	1 Apr — 2 Apr
Development	1 Apr — 2 Apr
Legal	5 Apr — 6 Apr
Youth	17 Apr — 28 Apr
Economic	27 Apr — 28 Apr
Control	27 Apr — 28 Apr
Agriculture	27 Apr — 28 Apr
Regional	27 Apr — 28 Apr
Environment	27 Apr — 28 Apr
Women	27 Apr — 28 Apr
Energy	28 Apr — 30 Apr
External	28 Apr — 29 Apr
Social	28 Apr — 29 Apr
Rules	28 Apr — 29 Apr
Political	28 Apr — 30 Apr
Budgets	29 Apr — 30 Apr
Legal	29 Apr — 30 Apr
Transport	29 Apr — 30 Apr
Development	29 Apr — 30 Apr
Control	17 May — 18 May
Agriculture	17 May — 18 May
Environment	17 May — 18 May
Youth	17 May — 18 May
Development	17 May — 18 May
Economic	18 May — 19 May
External	18 May — 19 May
Legal	18 May — 19 May
Agriculture	24 May — 26 May
Women	24 May — 25 May
Regional	25 May — 26 May
Environment	25 May — 26 May
Development	25 May — 26 May
Rules	25 May — 26 May
Energy	26 May — 27 May
External	26 May — 27 May
Legal	26 May — 27 May
Social	26 May — 27 May
Political	26 May — 28 May
Budgets	27 May — 28 May
Economic	27 May — 28 May
Transport*	27 May — 28 May
Agriculture	21 Jun — 23 Jun
Women	21 Jun — 22 Jun
Budgets	22 Jun — 23 Jun
Regional	22 Jun — 23 Jun
Environment	22 Jun — 23 Jun
Development	22 Jun — 23 Jun
Economic	23 Jun — 24 Jun
Control	23 Jun — 24 Jun
Energy	23 Jun — 24 Jun
Legal	23 Jun — 24 Jun
Social	23 Jun — 24 Jun
Political	23 Jun — 25 Jun
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