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Introduction

1. The first half-yearly report on the implementation of the Regulation establishing supplementary measures in favour of the United Kingdom covered the period from 1 November 1980 to 30 April 1981<sup>1)</sup>; the second report covered, for practical reasons, the period from 1 May 1981 to 31 December 1981<sup>2)</sup>; this report covers the period from 1 January 1982 to 30 June 1982.

Verification of the implementation of the special programmes

2. To verify the use of the funds granted and the implementation of the special programmes and sub-programmes assisted, inspection visits by Commission staff were continued. An inspection of the railways sub-programmes, particularly in Yorkshire and Humberside, in March 1982 did not reveal any problems. Other inspections were made in May 1982 of the housing and land reclamation sub-programmes in Northern Ireland. There were no problems in connection with the land reclamation sub-programme, but it was found that payments in 1980/81 by the authorities responsible for the housing sub-programme had included an amount equivalent to 2.7 % of the investment expenditure on items not directly related to the sub-programme. Consequently, some adjustment will be required when forthcoming decisions are taken.

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1) Doc. SEC(81)1140, 15 July 1981.

2) Doc. COM(82)137 final, 23 March 1982.

Payment of the balance of 10 % in respect of the decisions taken in 1981

3. As the Commission had decided to retain 10 % of the amounts allocated in 1981 to the railways sub-programmes until complete information about implementation was available, a balance of 15.0 million ECU remained outstanding<sup>3)</sup>. Following the communication of the final figures at the beginning of March and the satisfactory findings of the inspection at British Rail, this balance of 15.0 million ECU was paid. This means that all the amounts committed in the Decisions adopted under the supplementary measures up to the end of 1981, a total of 1 437.584 million ECU, have now been paid.

Carry-over of the advance not used in 1981 to the 1982 budget

4. At the end of 1981, the Commission, following a request from the United Kingdom pursuant to Article 5 of the Regulation, proposed that the Council should authorize an advance of 150 million ECU to the United Kingdom<sup>4)</sup>. As the Council did not take any decision, although the amount remained available, the Commission made a request to the budgetary authority in March 1982 to carry over the corresponding appropriation to the 1982 budget. The carry-over was deemed to have been approved on 10 May 1982. The amount of 150 million ECU is consequently available for use during 1982.

Budgetary amounts available in March 1982

5. In the General Budget of the European Communities for 1982, an amount of 1 654.212 million ECU is entered under Chapter 53 for supplementary measures relating to 1981. A further amount of 150.0 million ECU was provided for as an advance at the end of 1981, but could not be used. The budgetary situation was as follows :

Entered in Chapter 53	1 654.212 million ECU
Advance not used at end of 1981	<u>150.000 million ECU</u>
	1 804.212 million ECU

6. When the Regulation establishing supplementary measures was adopted<sup>5)</sup>, it was agreed that at least 80 % of total appropriations available would be paid by 31 March of the year following that in respect of which payment was due, in this case (80 % of 1 804.212 million ECU) 1 443.369 million ECU by 31 March 1982.

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3) See paragraph 11 of the second report (COM(82)137 final, p. 5).

4) See paragraph 14 of the second report (COM(82)137 final, p. 6).

5) Council Regulation (EEC) N° 2744/80 of 27 October 1980 (OJ L 284, 29.10.80, p.4).

Decisions adopted in March 1982

7. As regards the application of these appropriations, the Commission had at its disposal the new figures sent by the United Kingdom authorities in October 1981 on expenditure to be carried out in 1981/82 under the same special multiannual programmes that had served as a basis for the Decisions adopted up to the end of 1981<sup>6)</sup>. It was therefore a matter of updating the seven special programmes for the North, the North West and the South West of England, Yorkshire and Humberside, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, and the special road investment programmes<sup>7)</sup>.
8. Taking into account all the relevant considerations (amounts to be distributed, the terms of the Regulation, in particular the requirement to remain within a prescribed limit for any individual sub-programme and to give equal treatment to similar sub-programmes in different regions except Northern Ireland), the Commission adopted eight Decisions, the main elements of which are shown in Table I attached to this report.
9. These eight Decisions, which involve commitments amounting to 1 617.843 million ECU, were adopted on 24 March 1982 and published in the Official Journal of the European Communities<sup>8)</sup>. With this new financial contribution, total expenditure under the supplementary measures since December 1980 now stands at over 3 000 million ECU. Table II attached shows the chronological and regional breakdown of the amounts committed since December 1980 ; table III shows the breakdown of appropriations among the special programmes and sub-programmes, and the rates of assistance granted in 1980/81 and in March 1982.

Present financial position

10. In accordance with Article 5 of the Regulation, 90 % of the new commitment, 1 456.059 million ECU, had been paid by the end of March, 1982.

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6) See paragraph 4.3 of the second report (COM(82)137 final, p. 3)

7) See paragraphs 5-8 of the first report (SEC(81)1140, pp. 2-4).

8) Decisions 82/222/EEC, 82/223/EEC, 82/224/EEC, 82/225/EEC, 82/226,EEC, 82/227/EEC, 82/228/EEC and 82/229/EEC of 24 March 1982, OJ L 105, 20.4.82, pp. 16-31.

The present financial position is as follows (in million ECU) :

1. Entered in Chapter 53 of 1982 budget	1 654.212
Advance not used by end of 1981	<u>150.000</u>
Total	<u>1 804.212</u>
2. Pursuant to Council Minutes of 27 October 1980, at least 80 % of the total to be paid before 31 March 1982 (80 % of 1 804.212)	1 443.369
3. Total contributions allocated in March 1982	1 617.843
4. 90 % of contributions paid by end March 1982	1 456.059
5. Balance of 10 % to be paid on receipt of statement certifying the use of amounts paid	161.784
6. Amount available in 1982 (including 150 million ECU carried over)	1 804.212
Less commitments made in March 1982	<u>1 617.843</u>
Balance to be committed in 1982	186.369
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The ad hoc Committee

11. The Committee on supplementary measures in favour of the United Kingdom held its fourth meeting on 16 March 1982. The object of this meeting was to adopt an opinion on the eight draft Decisions prepared for the application of the Regulation. All the draft Decisions were approved, those regarding Scotland and Northern Ireland unanimously, and the others by a qualified majority.
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## Supplementary measures in favour of the United Kingdom

Table I

Financial contributions allocated in March 1982

million ECU

<u>Sub-programmes</u>	North of England	North West of England	South West of England	Yorkshire & Humberside	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland	Total	% General	% Northern Ireland
Roads	15,756	43,832	0,501	13,751	67,466	67,538	31,334	240,178	40	50
Electricity	35,094	110,654	3,581	79,857	99,910	23,277	-	352,373	20	-
Water and sewerage	41,253	64,888	13,608	54,432	-	24,351	23,456	221,988	40	50
Land reclamation	-	-	-	-	5,013	-	0,322	5,335	20	20
Telecommunications	48,559	114,593	22,918	98,836	105,497	67,753	62,131	520,287	40	50
Housing	-	-	-	-	-	-	83,259	83,259	-	50
	140,662	333,967	40,608	246,876	277,886	182,919	200,502	1,423,420		
Special road investment programme	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	194,423	45	-
								1,617,843		

Table II

Supplementary measures in favour of the United Kingdom

Financial contributions allocated in 1980, 1981 and March 1982

million ECU

	North	North west	South West	Yorkshire & Humberside	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland	Special road investment programme	Total
December 1980	-	101,400	-	-	-	92,100	-	-	193,500
January 1981	-	64,300	-	-	-	58,400	-	-	122,700
March 1981	106,490	-	28,140	144,580	159,540	-	125,670	-	564,420
December 1981	39,136	77,544	13,173	75,213	73,459	56,698	40,280	181,461	556,964
March 1982	140,662	333,967	40,608	246,876	277,886	182,919	200,502	194,423	1.617,843
<b>Total</b>	<b>286,288</b>	<b>577,211</b>	<b>81,921</b>	<b>466,669</b>	<b>510,885</b>	<b>390,117</b>	<b>366,452</b>	<b>375,884</b>	<b>3.055,427</b>

Supplementary measures in favour of the United Kingdom

Annex

Commitments made in

Breakdown by region and sub-programmes

(a) 1980 and 1982

(b) March 1982

Table III

million ECU

Sub-programmes		North of England	North west of England	South West of England	Yorkshire & Humberside	Scotland	Wales	% of public expendit.	Northern Ireland	% of: public expendit. (N.I.)	Special road invest. programme	Total
Roads	a	30,350	48,692	-	17,199	66,955	73,424	50	46,463	60	-	283,143
	b	15,756	43,832	0,501	13,751	67,466	67,538	40	31,334	50	-	240,178
Railways	a	17,658	30,499	6,714	35,961	44,238	12,842	50	2,097	60	-	150,009
	b	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Electricity	a	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	b	35,094	110,654	3,581	79,857	99,910	23,277	20	-	-	-	352,373
Water and sewerage	a	36,917	43,876	9,767	41,552	-	16,533	30	19,939	40	-	168,584
	b	41,253	64,888	13,608	54,432	-	24,351	40	23,456	50	-	221,988
Advance factories	a	-	1,569	-	-	13,133	22,294	20	4,672	20	-	41,668
	b	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Land reclamation	a	-	-	-	-	6,585	-	20	0,441	20	-	7,026
	b	-	-	-	-	5,013	-	20	0,322	20	-	5,335
Telecommunications	a	60,701	118,608	24,832	125,081	102,088	82,045	50	59,597	60	-	572,952
	b	48,559	114,593	22,918	98,836	105,497	67,753	40	62,131	50	-	520,287
Housing	a	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32,741	20	-	32,741
	b	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	83,259	50	-	33,259
Special road investment programme	a	-	-	-	-	-	-	59,22	-	-	181,461	181,461
	b	-	-	-	-	-	-	45	-	-	194,423	194,423
total	a	145,626	243,244	41,313	219,793	232,999	207,198		165,950		181,461	1.437,584
	b	140,662	333,967	40,608	246,876	277,886	182,919		200,502		194,423	1.617,843
Total a and b		286,288	577,211	81,921	466,669	510,885	390,117		366,452		375,884	3.055,427



