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(non-compulsory expenditure)

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GENERAL BUDGET - FINANCIAL YEAR 1979
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TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS NO 6/79

(Non-compulsory expenditure)

From Chapter 100 - Provisional appropriations

To Chapter 37 - Expenditure in the industrial and transport sectors

Article 374 - Technical rules in respect of industrial products

Item 3740 - Safety of persons carried in private cars

750 000 EUA

The Financial Controller has approved this proposal, attesting that the appropriations are available at 30 March 1979.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The aim of the studies and experiments carried out under a multi-annual Community programme drawn up in 1978 is to establish biomechanical criteria and basic data for technical regulations to be incorporated in future Community legislation on motor vehicles. The purpose of this legislation is to increase the passive safety of motor vehicles, thus mitigating the effects of accidents on the occupants and on other road users, i.e. reducing the seriousness of injuries or saving human lives, and to make the Community motor vehicle industry more competitive on markets where such legislation exists.

In 1978 the initial studies and experiments concentrated on the following four areas:

1. human tolerances and injury criteria in respect of occupants of vehicles involved in head-on collisions;
2. human tolerances and injury criteria in respect of occupants of vehicles involved in lateral collisions;
3. information about the mechanics of injuries sustained by pedestrians hit by vehicles head-on;
4. improvement of the type-approval dummy.

A further set of studies and experiments in these four areas and in the following two new areas will be carried out this year in accordance with the Community programme's original schedule:

5. mathematical forecasting models for injuries;
6. changes in the behaviour of vehicle occupants in a collision established from injury criteria data.

The following laboratories signed contracts with the Commission in 1978:

- (a) The Bundesanstalt für Strassenwesen (BAST), Cologne, Federal Republic of Germany;
- (b) The Groupement d'Intérêts Economiques, de Recherche et d'Etudes Peugeot-Renault (GIEPR), La Garenne-Colombes, France;
- (c) The Organisme National de Sécurité Routière (ONSER), Arcueil, France;
- (d) The Nederlandse Organisatie van Toegepast Natuurwetenschappelijk Onderzoek (TNO), Delft, Netherlands;
- (e) The Transport Research Delegation, Stockholm, Sweden;
- (f) The University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham, United Kingdom;
- (g) The Motor Industry Research Association (MIRA), Nuneaton, United Kingdom;
- (h) The Joint Biomechanical Research Project (KOB), Cologne, Federal Republic of Germany.

The group of experts set up to assist the Commission in checking that the reports submitted by the scientific laboratories comply with the objectives of the contracts met on 5 March to finalize their work on the first set of studies under contracts concluded in 1978. Their initial findings, which were presented at the meeting, show that work has generally kept pace with the timetable laid down in the contracts, thus enabling appropriations to be allocated as follows to the different areas this year:

Area 1: 100 000 EUA
Area 2: 160 000 EUA
Area 3: 55 000 EUA
Area 4: 160 000 EUA
Area 5: 55 000 EUA
Area 6: 160 000 EUA
Total: 690 000 EUA

These amounts represent the Commission's contributions towards the expenditure incurred by the bodies and experts commissioned under contract by the Commission to carry out the relevant studies and experiments this year. These bodies will probably be the same as those with which the Commission concluded contracts for the first stage of the programme. An Italian laboratory which will be concerned with area 6 must also be added to this list.

The amount of the Community's contribution will vary depending on whether the studies are carried out by State (up to 50%) or private (approximately 30%) bodies.

ONSER, a body specialized in this field, will be responsible for the permanent scientific coordination of the work of the contractors and for preparing a periodic summary report on the results of this work. An appropriation of 60 000 EUA has been set aside for this purpose.

The findings of these experiments will also be forwarded to the parties concerned.

A total of 750 000 EUA is required to finance the continuation of this programme this year. The Commission hence requests the Budgetary Authority to authorize the transfer of this amount which has been entered in Chapter 100 under this heading (see Point 19 of the remarks column) to Article 374 of the 1979 Budget.

Breakdown of appropriations in Chapter 100
at 28 March 1979

	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR COMMITMENTS	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR PAYMENTS
1. Total appropriations	193 833 000	106 401 200
2. Appropriations already transferred	none	none
3. Appropriations in process of being transferred	5 272 000	2 552 200
4. Appropriations still entered under Chapter 100	188 561 000	103 849 000
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