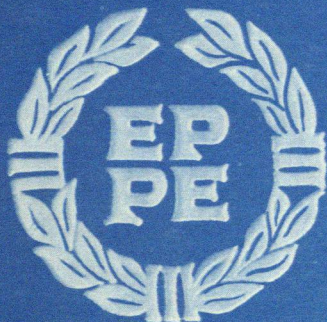


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Christopher Prout, the Chief Whip of the European Democratic Group which includes the 60 British Conservatives, today denied press reports that twelve Conservatives voted in the European Parliament yesterday to freeze the British rebate.

"The Group decision," he said, "was to vote against freezing of the rebates. Although the vote was carried out in secret, and names do not appear on the parliamentary record, I am entirely satisfied that these reports are totally without foundation."

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