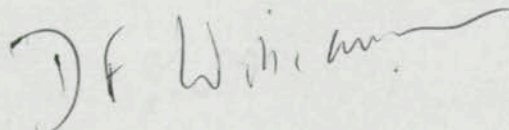


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EUROPEAN COMMUNITY BUDGET: TABLE OF NET CONTRIBUTIONS

--- As requested by the Prime Minister, I attach an updated table of net contributions and receipts by member state. In addition to the latest figures for the United Kingdom, you may wish to draw to the Prime Minister's attention the trend in the receipts of Italy and Greece. The Italian figures, in particular, because there is no element of transition, do reflect the increase in cost of support for Mediterranean agricultural products. This point is highly relevant when the Mediterranean countries repeat the old argument, not valid in our view, that these products are not adequately supported.



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cc: Mr Kerr, H M Treasury  
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Sir Robert Armstrong

## NET CONTRIBUTIONS (-) AND RECEIPTS (+) BY MEMBER STATE

(Allocated budget)

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I. <u>Net positions before UK refunds</u>	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982 (provisional)
	Belgium/Luxembourg	+135	+346	+329	+337	+610	+439	+515
Denmark	+237	+294	+293	+381	+380	+327	+279	+294
Germany	-1007	-1054	-1467	-597	-1430	-1526	-1684	-2085
Greece	--	--	--	--	--	--	+173	+698
France	+35	+58	-310	-371	-78	+431	+576	+14
Ireland	+175	+158	+212	+326	+545	+650	+582	+721
Italy	+40	+248	+294	-334	+534	+737	+788	+1586
Netherlands	-27	+222	+88	+41	+288	+454	+239	+302
United Kingdom	+104	-90	+126	-228	-849	-1512	-1419	-2040
[Residual]	[+308]	[-179]	[+435]	[+445]	[--]	[--]	[--]	[--]

II. <u>Net positions after UK refunds</u>	1980	1981*	1980	1981	1982
	As expected at time of 30 May agreement	As expected at time of 30 May agreement	Actual	Actual	Provisional
Belgium/Luxembourg	+709	+846	+377	+441	+447
Denmark	+389	+523	+294	+242	+262
Germany	-1623	-1836	-1957	-2185	-2442
Greece	--	--	--	+161	+682
France	-335	-421	+81	+139	-366
Ireland	+524	+656	+639	+568	+708
Italy	+598	+589	+527	+549	+1373
Netherlands	+347	+463	+376	+94	+245
United Kingdom	-609	-730	-337	-9	-883

Source: Commission

As the residuals show, the figures for 1975 to 1978 are unsatisfactory, but they give some guidance as to the orders of magnitude; the figures for 1982 remain subject to revision.

\* These figures give rise to a residual of -90, reflecting a last-minute revision to the United Kingdom figure which the Commission made without revising the figures for other member states.