

Prime Minister. (2)
Interest in administration (probably
mostly in wages)

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PRIME MINISTER

From papers received by Downing Street and from other enquiries, it is possible to have a better look at the Football Leagues' income/expenditure position (accounts attached).

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FOOTBALL FINANCE

INCOME (£ MILLION) - 1983/4 WHERE AVAILABLE

| A | <u>FOOTBALL LEAGUE</u> | 1984/5 | 1983/4 |
|----|---|--------|--------|
| 1. | Gross Gate Receipts (League Matches) | | |
| | Division 1 | - 24.0 | |
| | Division 2 | - 13.0 | |
| | Division 3 | - 5.0 | |
| | Division 4 | - 2.5 | |
| | | 44.5 | 44.5 |
| 2. | Cup Competitions | | |
| | Milk (League) | - 6.0 | |
| | FA | - 10.0 | |
| | | 16.0 | 16.0 |
| 3. | Television (Amount paid to League by TV Companies for screening of Football League Matches (including £0.5 for showing matches overseas) | | 3.1 |
| | | | 3.1 |
| | FA receive | - 0.5 | |
| | Clubs' deals | - 0.4 | |
| | | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| 4. | Pools (Amount paid by the Pools Promoters Assoc. for use of the copyright of the Football League Fixture List (25% of this goes to the Scottish League) | | 5.5 |
| | | | 4.5 |
| 5. | Football Trust (To cover Police charges) | | 1.0 |
| 6. | Bookmakers' Fees (@ £50 per shop) | | 0.25 |
| 7. | Foreign Pools (Sundry) | | 0.25 |
| 8. | Special Individual Club Deals (Advertising, Lotteries, Canon, etc) | | 20.0 |
| | | TOTAL | £91.5m |

EXPENDITURE FOR 1984/5 (£ MILLION)

| | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|---|--------------------|
| 1. Gross Wages to Players | |
| Division 1 - 13 | |
| Division 2 - 8 | |
| Division 3 - 5 | |
| Division 4 - <u>4</u> | |
| | 30.0 |
| 2. VAT (£7.5 million on gates) | 12.0 |
| 3. Police Charges | 2.5 |
| 4. Administration/Overheads (non capital) | |
| Wages: Managers | |
| Groundsmen | |
| Gatemen | |
| Secretaries | |
| Repairs | |
| Postage | |
| Telephone | |
| Rates | |
| | <u>45.0</u> |
| | GRAND TOTAL £89.5m |

B FOOTBALL TRUST INCOME

1984/5 = £6,775,117

1983/4 = £5,865,322

C GOVERNMENT MONEY

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1. From Sports Council budget of £31.5 million (mostly capital) to Football Association:

1984/5 = £278,153

1983/4 = £354,317

2. Also, the Urban Programme of £35 million provides a substantial sum to football.

(mostly on non-league clubs)