

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS

Notice to members

Subject: Implementation of the European Parliament's 2004 budget

Please find attached proposal for transfer of appropriations C 5 – financial year 2004.

DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR INTERNAL POLICIES

23 March 2004
Annex

Mr Terence Wynn
Chairman of the Committee on Budgets

Subject: Draft transfer C 5 – financial year 2004

Dear Mr Wynn,

In accordance with the provisions of Article 22(2) of the Financial Regulation of 25 June 2002, please find attached a draft transfer which I intend to approve in three weeks' time.

Yours sincerely,

Pat Cox

Annex: Transfer

I. DESCRIPTION

Transfer of appropriations C5/2004
within Title 2 - Buildings, equipment and miscellaneous operating expenditure
from: Chapter 20 - Investments in immovable property, rental of buildings and associated costs
to: Chapter 22 - Movable property and associated costs

II. STATE OF APPROPRIATIONS: according to FINICS as at 16 March 2004

| INITIAL APPROPS. ± SAB ± TRANSFERS | COMMITMENTS ENTERED INTO | PAYMENTS MADE | APPROPS. AVAILABLE BEFORE PROPOSED TRANSFER | AMOUNT OF PROPOSED TRANSFER | APPROPS. AVAILABLE AFTER PROPOSED TRANSFER |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| FROM | | | | | |
| 2001/02 Annual lease payments: Strasbourg | | | | | |
| 20 000 000 | 969 579 | 969 579 | 19 030 421 | - 620 000 | 18 410 421 |
| TOTAL TO BE TRANSFERRED OUT | | | | - 620 000 | |
| TO | | | | | |
| 2210 Purchases and replacement of furniture | | | | | |
| 2 600 000 | 2 144 026 | 722 716 | 455 974 | + 620 000 | 1 075 974 |
| TOTAL TO BE TRANSFERRED IN | | | | + 620 000 | |

III. JUSTIFICATION

2210 Purchases and replacement of furniture

+ € 620 000

The appropriations against the item are intended to cover the purchase of additional furniture and to replace furniture which is in a poor state of repair or not compliant with health and ergonomics standards or unsuitable for new technologies or office configurations. The 2004 budget allocation is € 2 600 000.

The purpose of this transfer is to enter € 620 000 against Item 2210, which represents the cost of taking over the furniture in the Remard Building in Brussels.

On 15 December 2003 the Bureau agreed in principle to the renting of the Remard Building in Brussels instead of the Montoyer 75 Building previously planned. The Committee on Budgets was consulted on the proposal, pursuant to Article 179(3) of the Financial Regulation and Article 14 of the Internal Rules (meeting of 16 December 2003), and decided not to issue an opinion within the meaning of that Financial Regulation article.

On 21 January 2004 the Secretary-General signed the nine-year lease commencing on 1 March 2004 (with the possibility of termination at the end of the sixth year), the annual rent being € 1 387 205. As agreed, the lease also provides for the furniture in the building, some audiovisual equipment and other facilities (wiring, partitions, service systems and security system) to be taken over at a cost of € 1.5 m.

The rent is covered by appropriations against Item 2000/03 (Rent: Brussels) earmarked for leasing stopgap buildings, and € 880 000 of the € 1.5 m cost of taking over facilities has been covered by appropriations from Article 204/03 (Fitting-out of premises: Brussels).

Not all the projected expenditure can be covered by appropriations from Item 2210.

The cost of taking over furniture and other facilities is € 620 000: € 344 000 for 304 complete workstations, € 92 000 for furniture in five meeting rooms, and € 184 000 for three compactor units. The expenditure has been charged to Item 2210 (Purchases and replacement of furniture).

However, the appropriations used were intended for other purposes (proposed when the 2004 budget was drawn up). That intended spending still has to be met - principally because of enlargement - and cannot be postponed: in Strasbourg, the open-plan area and offices for new Members still have to be furnished; in Luxembourg, additional furniture is needed for Towers A and B and the KAD offices following removals; furniture is also planned to be installed in the Barcelona, Berlin et Lisbon offices; in Brussels, furniture is to be installed in offices for new Members' assistants and observers from the next set of accession countries; and requests by directorates-general and political groups also have to be met.

Because of the scale of requirements to be met in 2004, it is requested that the appropriations used to purchase the Remard Building furniture be replaced against Item 2210 (Purchases and replacement of furniture).

It is therefore requested that Item 2210 be topped up by € 620 000. The amount can be taken from Item 2001/02 (Annual lease payments: Strasbourg), against which, following the purchase of the LOW Building, 2004 budget appropriations for the annual lease payment for that building are available.

IV. REQUEST BY DELEGATED AUTHORISING OFFICER RECEIVING TRANSFER

Nicolas Pierre RIEFFEL

Signature:

Date:

V. APPROVAL OF DELEGATED AUTHORISING OFFICER GRANTING TRANSFER

Nicolas Pierre RIEFFEL

Signature:

Date:

DECISION OF THE PRESIDENT

Taken three weeks after notification of the Committee on Budgets or following a previous decision by the Committee on Budgets

Transfer C 5 is approved

Pat COX

Signature:

Date: