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*Committee on Budgets*

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## **NOTICE TO MEMBERS**

**Subject: Implementation of the European Parliament's 2006 Budget**

Please find attached the proposal for transfer of appropriations C20-financial year 2006

DIRECTORATE-GENERAL  
FOR INTERNAL POLICIES

Mr Janusz LEWANDOWSKI  
Chairman of the Committee on Budgets

Subject: Request for transfer appropriations C20 - financial year 2006

Dear Mr Lewandowski,

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

Yours sincerely,

Josep BORRELL FONTELLES

Annex: Request for transfer of appropriations C20/2006

PE 378.746

v01-00

## I. DESCRIPTION

Transfer of appropriations C20/2006

**from:** item 1200 "Officials and temporary staff: remuneration and allowances" € 770 000  
**to:** sub-item 3000/01 "Staff mission expenses: part-sessions, committees or their delegations, political groups and miscellaneous" + € 650 000  
 item 1613 "Further training: mission expenses" + € 120 000

## II. STATE OF APPROPRIATIONS: according to Finics as at 19 September 2006

Initial approps. ± AB ± transfers	Commitments entered into	Payments made	Approps. available before proposed transfer	Amount of proposed transfer	Approps. available after proposed transfer
<b>FROM</b>					
1200 "Officials and temporary staff: remuneration and allowances"					
452 168 775					
- 250 000	C9				
- 6 200 000	C11				
- 35 000	C14				
- 24 025 699	Pending C18				
421 658 076	394 589 347	308 818 254	27 068 729	-770 000	26 298 729
TOTAL TO BE TRANSFERRED OUT				- 770 000	
<b>TO</b>					
3000/01 "Staff mission expenses: part-sessions, committees or their delegations, political groups and miscellaneous"					
19 067 935	19 067 000	9 593 626	935	+ 650 000	650 935
1613 "Further training: mission expenses"					
975 000	900 000	386 645	75 000	+ 120 000	195 000
TOTAL TO BE TRANSFERRED IN				+ 770 000	

## III. JUSTIFICATION

**3000/01 "Staff mission expenses: part-sessions, committees or their delegations, political groups and miscellaneous" + € 650 000**

1. This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure on transport costs, the payment of daily mission allowances and the ancillary or exceptional expenses incurred in the performance of a mission, including ancillary costs relating to tickets and reservations pursuant to the Staff Regulations of officials of the European Communities, and in particular Article 71 thereof and Articles 11 to 13 of Annex VII thereto.
2. The amount allocated to the sub-item in the 2006 budget is € 19 067 935.

**1613 "Further training: mission expenses"****+ € 120 000**

3. This appropriation is intended to cover mission costs relating to further training.
4. The amount allocated to the item in the 2006 budget is € 975 000.

*The purpose of the present proposal is to request the top-up of sub-item 3000/01 "Staff mission expenses: part-sessions, committees or their delegations, political groups and miscellaneous" by € 650 000 and the top-up of item 1613 "Further training: mission expenses" by € 120 000 required to cover additional expenditure following the increase of the mission allowances.*

5. Prior to this year, neither hotel ceilings nor the daily allowances for staff missions had been raised since 1997. The new Staff Regulations oblige the Commission to undertake periodic reviews, the first of which was carried out this year, leading to Council Regulation No. 1066/2006, which entered into force on 1 July 2006. This therefore will have a substantial impact on spending under the two items in question for the second half of the year. An evaluation of this impact for the two items is set out below.
6. The new hotel ceilings will have a particular impact on missions between the different places of work, which account for the bulk of spending under this item. In practice, however, the increase is likely to be limited by the flat-rate element in the rules on missions adopted by the Bureau in February 2005, which provide an incentive to staff not to use the more expensive hotels.

***Sub-item 3000/01 "Staff mission expenses: part-sessions, committees or their delegations, political groups and miscellaneous"***

7. Total appropriations for sub-item 3000/01 were set at € 19 067 935 for the financial year 2006. Expenditure up to 8 September (i.e. including the first September session in Strasbourg) amounts to a total of about € 13 000 000. Assuming the increase referred to earlier, spending for the remainder of the year can be estimated at € 4 680 000 for the Strasbourg sessions and € 2 400 000 for other missions, giving a total of € 7 080 000. The situation for this item would thus be as follows:

real out-turn Jan. - Sept.:	€ 13 000 000
projected expenditure Sept. - Dec.:	€ 7 080 000
Total:	€ 20 080 000
allocation to the item:	€ 19 067 935
estimated deficit:	€ 1 012 065
rounded down deficit	€ 1 000 000

8. Sub-item 3000/02, which finances missions for committees and delegations (including the ACP parliamentary assemblies) and which is less affected than sub-item 3000/01 by the raised hotel ceilings, is likely to show a surplus of € 350 000. This amount can be offset against the aforementioned deficit. It is therefore proposed to transfer € 650 000 to sub-item 3000/01.

***Item 1613 "Further training: mission expenses"***

9. The item 1613 "Further training: mission expenses" finances missions undertaken in the context of professional training. Since the current rules, which entered into force on 1 March 2006, place such missions on the same footing as all others in terms of the applicable rates, these missions will also be affected by the new daily allowances introduced by Council Regulation No. 1066/2006. The impact of the new rates is estimated at € 36 000.
10. Also, in the light of the increasing importance of the external offices in the context of a new information policy, and the additional human resources made available to them by the budgetary authority, DG INFO has developed a training scheme for the staff concerned involving periods spent in Brussels familiarising themselves with the workings of the institution. The cost of this scheme in 2006 is estimated at € 44 000.
11. The revised training policy adopted by the Bureau, while it provides for better targeting of training resources, has also led to an increase in the overall number of missions, the additional cost of which is estimated at € 40 000.
12. It is therefore proposed to transfer the total sum, namely € 36 000 + € 44 000 + € 40 000, of € 120 000 to item 1613.

***Donor item***

13. In chapter 12 "Officials and temporary staff", the only possible source for the total sum required (€ 770 000) is item 1200 "Remuneration and allowances". While this item has a substantial surplus arising from vacant posts and the downward impact of the new Staff Regulations on allowances, much of this surplus has already been ceded for the financing of the Strasbourg buildings (transfer C18). It is nonetheless proposed that the sum in question be transferred from this item, which reduces the expected surplus to a minimum.
14. ***In the circumstances, it is proposed that € 650 000 from item 1200 "Officials and temporary staff: remuneration and allowances" be transferred to item 3000/01 "Staff mission expenses: part-sessions, committees or their delegations, political groups and miscellaneous" and that € 120 000 from item 1200 be transferred to item 1613 "Further training: mission expenses".***

**IV. REQUEST BY DELEGATED AUTHORISING OFFICER RECEIVING TRANSFER**

Barrington WILSON

Signature:

Date:

**V. APPROVAL OF DELEGATED AUTHORISING OFFICERS GRANTING TRANSFER**

Barrington WILSON

Signature:

Date:

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**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 C20 is approved**

**The President**

Signature:

Date: