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to 44 member countries  
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The Prime Minister said that it would be helpful if she could have short notes, picking out advantages which other member states have from the Community or as a result of their trade with the United Kingdom. I attach short notes giving a selection of the benefits which other member states have.

I am sending copies to Roger Bone (FCO) and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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1982

	Their net benefit	Cost per 100 million of our expenditure
Belgium	250	5
Luxembourg	250	0.25
Denmark	300	2
Netherlands	300	7
Ireland	700	1
Greece	700	2
	<u>2500</u>	<u>17.25</u>
Italy	1600	17
France		19
FRG		30
		2086
		35

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1 m tons 270 m écu

## GERMANY

1. In 1982 Germany made a net contribution to the Community Budget of 2086 million ecu.
- (2. For each 100 million ecu reduction in the United Kingdom's net contribution in 1982, Germany's net contribution would have increased by some 35 million ecu if all member states (other than the United Kingdom) contributed according to their VAT shares.)
3. In 1983: total exports from Germany to the United Kingdom were 16600 million ecu of which 15250 million ecu were manufactured goods; Germany had a trade surplus with the United Kingdom of 6200 million ecu.
4. Germany received a non-budgetary resource gain in 1981 of about 140 million ecu as a result of intra-Community trade in agriculture.
5. German farmers have had benefit of higher prices from the long running positive monetary compensatory amounts.

## FRANCE

1. In 1982, France made a net contribution to the Community Budget of 19 million ecu.
2. For each 100 million ecu reduction in the United Kingdom's net contribution in 1982, France's net contribution would have increased by only about 30 million ecu if all member states (other than the United Kingdom) contributed according to their VAT shares.
3. In 1983: total exports from France to the United Kingdom were 8650 million ecu of which 6900 million ecu were manufactured goods.
4. In addition, France received a non-budgetary resource gain in 1981 of about 700 million ecu as a result of intra-Community trade in agriculture.
5. Under the supplementary levy proposals for milk, French farmers will only have to cut deliveries to dairies back by 2.9%. Our farmers will have to cut back by 7.3%.

## BELGIUM

1. In 1982 Belgium received a net benefit from the Community Budget of 253 million ecu.
2. For each 100 million ecu reduction in the United Kingdom's net contribution in 1982, Belgium's net benefit would have been reduced by only about 5 million ecu if all member states (other than the United Kingdom) contributed according to their VAT shares.
3. In 1983: total exports from Belgium and Luxembourg to the United Kingdom were 5400 million ecu of which 4250 million ecu were manufactured goods; Belgium and Luxembourg had a trade surplus with the United Kingdom of 960 million ecu.

## DENMARK

1. In 1982 Denmark received a net benefit from the Community Budget of 295 million ecu.
2. For each 100 million ecu reduction in the United Kingdom's net contribution in 1982, Denmark's net benefit would have been reduced by only about 2 million ecu if all member states (other than the United Kingdom) contributed according to their VAT shares.
3. In 1983: total exports from Denmark to the United Kingdom were 2600 million ecu of which at least 1150 million ecu were agricultural exports. Denmark had a trade surplus with the United Kingdom of 600 million ecu.
4. In addition to Denmark's net benefit under the Community budget, Denmark received a non-budgetary resource gain in 1981 of about 140 million ecu as a result of intra-Community trade in agriculture.

GREECE

1. In 1982 Greece received a net benefit from the Community Budget of 685 million ecu.
2. For each 100 million ecu reduction in the United Kingdom's net contribution in 1982, Greece's net benefit would have been reduced by only 2 million ecu if all member states (other than the United Kingdom) contributed according to their VAT shares.

## IRELAND

1. In 1982, Ireland received a net benefit from the Community Budget of 732 million ecu.
2. For each 100 million ecu reduction in the United Kingdom's net contribution in 1982, Ireland's net benefit would have been reduced by only 1 million ecu if all member states (other than the United Kingdom) contributed according to their VAT shares.
3. In 1983: total exports from Ireland to the United Kingdom were 3900 million ecu of which 2350 million ecu were manufactured goods.
4. In addition to Ireland's net benefit under the Community budget, Ireland received a non-budgetary resource gain in 1981 of about 300 million ecu as a result of intra-Community trade in agriculture.



## ITALY

1. In 1982, Italy received a net benefit from the Community Budget of 1616 million ecu.
2. For each 100 million ecu reduction in the United Kingdom's net contribution in 1982, Italy's net benefit would have been reduced by only about 17 million ecu if all member states (other than the United Kingdom) contributed according to their VAT shares.
3. In 1983: total exports from Italy to the United Kingdom were 5500 million ecu of which 4700 million ecu were manufactured goods. Italy had a trade surplus with the United Kingdom of 1500 million ecu.

## LUXEMBOURG

1. In 1982, Luxembourg received a net benefit from the Community Budget of 256 million ecu.
2. For each 100 million ecu reduction in the United Kingdom's net contribution in 1982, Luxembourg's net benefit would have been reduced by only about 1/4 million ecu if all member states (other than the United Kingdom) contributed according to their VAT shares.
3. In 1983: total exports from Belgium and Luxembourg to the United Kingdom were 5400 million ecu of which 4250 million ecu were manufactured goods. Belgium and Luxembourg had a trade surplus with the United Kingdom of 960 million ecu.

## NETHERLANDS

1. In 1982, the Netherlands received a net benefit from the Community Budget of 304 million ecu.
2. For each 100 million ecu reduction in the United Kingdom's net contribution in 1982, the Netherlands' net benefit would have been reduced by only about 7 million ecu if all member states (other than the United Kingdom) contributed according to their VAT shares.
3. In 1983: total exports from the Netherlands to the United Kingdom were 8750 million ecu of which 4950 million ecu were manufactured goods.
4. In addition to the Netherlands' net benefit under the Community budget, the Netherlands received a non-budgetary resource gain in 1981 of about 430 million ecu as a result of intra-Community trade in agriculture.