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**FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE COMMISSION'S
PROGRAMMES:**

Regular budget

Note by the Executive Secretary



1. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 3043(XXVII) of 19 December 1972, the regular budget of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia is prepared and approved on a biennial basis.

2. For the biennium 1990-1991, the initial approved appropriations by the General Assembly for section 14 of the proposed Programme Budget for the Biennium 1990-1991 (A/RES/44/202) amounted to \$US 33,707,500. By resolution 46/184 paragraph 2, the General Assembly approved revised appropriations for the same section amounting to \$US 45,139,600, with a final spending authority of \$US 45,715,500.

Allocation of resources

3. For the biennium 1 January 1990 to 31 December 1991, the General Assembly approved a total of 99 Professional and 188 General Service posts.

The allotments issued, expenditures and balances, by programme, for the biennium 1 January 1990 to 31 December 1991 were as follows:

Section 14. Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

Code	Programme	Number of posts		In United States dollars		
		P	GS	Allotments	Expenditure	Balance
010	Policy Making Organs	-	-	38 100	27 064	11 036
110	Executive Direction and Management	9	10	3 447 500	3 146 482	301 018
210	Food and Agriculture	6	5	2 014 400	1 942 316	72 084
240	Development Issues and Policies	6	4	2 094 600	2 017 745	76 855
270	Environment	1	1	119 900	28 670	91 230
290	Human Settlements	4	3	1 176 800	1 057 752	119 048
330	Industrial Development	8	5	2 147 900	2 008 689	139 211
340	International Trade and Development Finance	2	2	528 400	453 582	74 818
460	Natural Resources	2	2	820 700	724 628	96 072
480	Population	6	4	1 752 300	1 819 037	(66 737)
510	Public Administration and Finance	2	1	384 000	329 948	54 052
520	Science and Technology	3	2	998 100	879 693	118 407
530	Social Development	6	3	1 669 200	1 540 639	128 561
540	Statistics	5	8	2 293 800	2 253 577	40 223
550	Transport and Communications	6	4	1 880 200	1 846 204	33 996
650	Energy	4	2	1 601 200	1 516 315	84 885
710	Conference Services	12	25	4 674 000	4 717 177	(43 177)
790	Management of Technical Cooperation Activities	2	1	710 900	763 760	(52 860)
800	Administration and Common Services	15	106	17 363 500	16 043 365	1 320 135
Subtotals		99	188	45 715 500	43 116 643	2 598 857

The deficit in some of the programmes is due to low allotments received for salaries and other personnel costs. The staffing table authorization was never exceeded.

4. In addition to the resources detailed above, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) contributed three posts to the ESCWA programme of Food and Agriculture; the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) contributed one post to the ESCWA programme of Human Settlements, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) contributed two posts to the ESCWA programme of Industrial Development.

Below is the breakdown by major object of expenditure of the \$US 43,116,643 made during the biennium 1990-1991.

Staff and other personnel costs	\$US 40,108,408
Consultants' fees and travel	177,543
Overtime and night differential	115,340
<u>Ad hoc</u> expert group meetings	41,101
Travel on official business	174,527
Contractual services	112,229
General operating expenses	1,679,420
Supplies and materials	258,826
Acquisitions	<u>449,249</u>
Total	\$US <u>43,116,643</u>

Section 9. Transnational Corporations

Code	Programme	Number		In United States dollars		
		P	GS	Allotments	Expenditure	Balance
498	United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations/ ESCWA Joint Unit	2	1	798 600	747 799	50 801
	Subtotals	2	1	798 600	749 799	50 801

The total expenditure of \$US 749,799 is broken down as follows:

Staff and other personnel costs	\$US 717,896
Consultants' fees and travel	20,000
Travel on official business	<u>9,903</u>
Total	\$US <u>749,799</u>

Section 24. Regular Programme of Technical Cooperation
 (Regional and Subregional Advisory Services)

Code	Programme	<u>In United States dollars</u>		
		Allotments	Expenditure	Balance
211	Food and Agriculture	26 800	17 691	9 109
271	Environment	271 700	273 860	(2 160)
331	Industrial Development	183 400	218 899	(35 499)
461	Natural Resources	32 500	48 270	(15 770)
521	Science and Technology	279 500	267 661	11 839
531	Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs	288 600	269 043	19 557
541	Statistics	682 300	647 091	35 209
551	Transport and Communications	450 900	424 062	26 838
651	Energy	317 500	299 435	18 065
801	Administration and Common Services	267 800	245 024	22 776
Subtotals		2 801 000	2 711 036	89 964

The expenditure of \$US 2,711,036 is broken down as follows:

Staff and other personnel costs	\$US 2,502,131
Travel on official business	<u>208,905</u>
Total	\$US <u>2,711,036</u>

Section 28. Administration and Management
 (Staff Administration and
 Training Activities)

Code	Programme	<u>In United States dollars</u>		
		Allotments	Expenditure	Balance
850	Training and examination services for ESCWA	31 800	28 993	2 807
Subtotals		31 800	28 993	2 807

Code	Programme	Total number of posts	<u>In United States dollars</u>		
			Allotments	Expenditure	Balance
TOTAL RESOURCES ALLOTTED FOR THE BIENNIUM 1990-1991, ACTUAL TOTAL EXPENDITURE AND RELATED BALANCE			287	49 346 900	46 604 471 2 742 429

