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Answer given by High Representative / Vice President Ashton  
on behalf of the Commission  
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The administrative expenditure of delegations is financed by appropriations under Heading 5 of the budget, by administrative appropriations attached to operational budget lines under Heading 4 of the budget (ex-BA budget lines) and by contributions from the European Development Fund. Before 2009, the administrative appropriations attached to operational lines, which also finance expenditure on studies and evaluations, did not clearly distinguish the amount of appropriations allocated for the delegations. It is not, therefore, possible to accurately answer the question posed. However, the Honourable Member will find details of the administrative expenditure of the delegations since 2001, including expenditure available from assigned revenues (Article 18 of the Financial Regulation):

Year	Heading 5	ex-BA/EDF	Total
2001	249.94	25.22	275.16
2002	256.74	61.33	318.07
2003	276.16	71.83	347.99
2004	284.03	114.85	398.88
2005	309.5	126.06	435.56
2006	338.9	144.38	483.28
2007	353.89	155.85	509.74
2008	378.75	175.61	554.36
2009	393.95	205.37	599.32
2010	431.55	234.36	665.91

The budget of European Union is fixed on an annual basis. It is not therefore possible to provide details for the next ten years. The budget for 2011, including appropriations for both Commission and EEAS staff is EUR 464.5 million on Heading 5, EUR 177.9 million on Heading 4 and EUR 75.8 million from the EDF, plus approximately EUR 2.4 million from DG RTD/OLAF for their staff in delegation. A total of EUR 720.6 million.