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Answer by High Representative/Vice President Ashton
on behalf of the Commission
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1. The European External Action Service (EEAS) budget for the delegations in 2012 is EUR 298.8 million, of which salaries:

EEAS officials	EUR 97.9 million
Local Agents	EUR 43.5 million
Contract Agents	EUR 15.6 million
Junior Experts/Detached National Experts	EUR 4.3 million
Temporary/Agency Staff	EUR 1.0 million
Total	EUR 162.3 million

The remainder of the budget is devoted to the administrative costs for this staff including infrastructure costs: share of rent of delegations, housing, security costs, informatics, missions, training and other administrative costs.

The figures do not include the staff in delegations financed by the Commission where the total for delegations is EUR 184.3 million which includes salaries as follows:

Commission Officials	EUR 103.2 million
Local Agents	EUR 6.1 million
Contract Agents	EUR 0.5 million
Junior Experts/Detached National Experts	EUR 3.5 million
Temporary/Agency Staff	EUR 0.1 million
Total	EUR 113.4 million

The remainder of the Commission Heading V budget is devoted to the administrative costs for this staff including share of rent of delegations, housing, security costs, informatics, missions, training and all other administrative costs.

The Commission employs local and contract agents which are financed under the administrative credits of operational programmes and by the European Development Fund (EDF), the local costs of which are managed on behalf of the Commission by the EEAS. In 2012, the Commission will pay EUR 184.0 million to the EEAS to finance all local costs of this staff (including salaries, infrastructure costs share of rent of delegations, housing, security costs, missions and training). This does not include the salaries of the Commission contract agents financed by these programmes which are paid directly by the Commission at Headquarters (EUR 84.0 million).

2. The staff resources of the Institutions are set by the Budget Authority in the context of the annual budget procedure.