

Local Government Act 1929

1929 CHAPTER 17

PART VI

EXCHEQUER GRANTS AND OTHER FINANCIAL PROVISIONS.

General Exchequer Contributions.

Payment of General Exchequer Contributions.

- (1) There shall be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament in respect of the year beginning on the appointed day, and each subsequent year, an annual contribution towards local government expenses in counties and county boroughs to be called the "General Exchequer Contribution."
- (2) The amount of the General Exchequer Contribution shall be periodically revised; the amount first fixed shall be for a period of three years beginning on the appointed day, the amount fixed, on the first revision shall be for a period of four years from the expiration of the first period, the amount fixed on any subsequent revision shall be for a period of five years from the expiration of the previous period, and a period for which the General Exchequer Contribution is so fixed is hereinafter referred to as a "fixed grant period."
- (3) The amount of the General Exchequer Contribution shall be the sum of the following amounts, that is to say:—
 - (a) an amount equal to the total losses on account of rates of all counties and county boroiighs:
 - (b) an amount equal to the total losses on account of grants of all counties and county boroughs :
 - (c) in respect of each year in the first fixed grant period, five million pounds, and in respect of each year of every following fixed grant period such amount as Parliament may hereafter determine with respect to the fixed grant period so, however, that the proportion which the General Exchequer Contribution for any fixed grant period bears to the total amount of rate and grant borne expenditure in the penultimate year of the preceding fixed grant period shall

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never be less than the proportion which the General Exchequer Contribution for the first fixed grant period bore to the total amount of rate and grant borne expenditure in the first year of that fixed grant period. In the foregoing provisions of this paragraph—

- (i) "rate and grant borne expenditure" means the local expenditure which fell to be borne by rates and by grants made under this Part of this Act out of the General Exchequer Contribution; and
- (ii) if as respects any fixed grant period the Minister certifies that the amount of rate and grant borne expenditure in the penultimate year of that fixed grant period was abnormally increased by reason of any emergency involving the issue of a proclamation under the Emergency Powers Act, 1920, there shall be deemed to be substituted for the reference to the penultimate year of the preceding fixed grant period a reference to the last year preceding the said penultimate year in which no such abnormal expenditure was incurred.