

Report of budgetary decisions taken at the LHCb RRB, 22nd October 2001

Preamble

The discussions leading to the budgetary decisions summarised below and the reservations and provisos expressed by several Funding Agencies FAs will be fully reported in the minutes of the meeting. This summary is intended to serve as an aide-memoire for various agreed actions.

LHCb 2002 Budget Requests

LHCb presented the following 2002 budget requests, in kCHF, to the RRB:

	<i>Reference document</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Common Fund income</i>	<i>Non-Common Fund CORE items</i>
1)	LHCb RRB D – 2001 40	Baseline construction (MoU)	520 from CERN ≥ 8 from each Institute	9,155
2)	LHCb RRB D – 2001 41	M&O, Cat A	371 (<i>new M&O CF</i>)	

	<i>Reference document</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Common Fund estimated payments</i>	<i>Direct Contributions estimated payments</i>
1)	LHCb RRB D – 2001 40	Baseline construction (MoU)	4,900	7,400

Category B costs are very low in the 2002 LHCb M&O budget and essentially related to test beam activities.

Decisions taken were:

1) Baseline construction (MoU) budget

Approved as presented.

2) Maintenance & Operation, Category A

The budget was **approved to 30% of the level presented**. The remainder will be considered in April 2002 in the context of the M&O MoU.

The Scrutiny Group is satisfied that the 2002 Cat A cost estimates as presented are sound and are more correctly related to M&O of common items than to construction. Nonetheless, the meeting asked that this attribution should be carefully reexamined and reconfirmed at the April RRB.

It was agreed that an M&O Cat A Common Fund budget will be set up (as described in the draft MoU) and that rebated invoices will be issued to the FAs to an upper limit of 30% of the presented budget. It was noted that M&O Cat A cost sharing is based on the number of PhD scientists (or equivalent) and that these numbers still need some minor revisions.