

TASKS FOR SELFSTUDY

Topic 4



ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF THE MILITARY AND SECURITY EXPENDITURES

1. Explain meaning of the military expenditure term. Try to identify differences among the most frequent definitions of military expenditures. Try to gain as much as possible official definitions.
2. Describe recent trends in world military expenditure. What are the major spender countries in you chosen year(-s) (You can use following internet source:
<http://www.sipri.org/research/armaments/milex/resultoutput/trends>).
3. What are the major factors which can influence size and structure of country military expenditure?
4. What are opportunities costs, explain and give examples in case of military expenditure? (Internet source: www.costofwar.com;
<http://costofwar.com/en/tradeoffs/>)
5. Describe military expenditure development in chosen country (-ies) and demarcate main factors which drive it (i.e. USA, China, developing countries /Africa/, Russia, and so on). (Internet source:
http://www.sipri.org/research/armaments/milex/publications/unpubl_milex;
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) This question can be chosen more than once.
6. Explain the term “hidden” military expenditure. Which problems are connected to its description? What other additional problems are linked with them?