QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, if Question No. 87 could be made an Order for Return, this Return would be tabled immediately.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that Question No. 87 be deemed to have been made an Order for Return?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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NATIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Question No. 87—**Mr. Penner:**

1. For each of the fiscal years 1983-84, 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87 to date, did the Native Economic Development Program hire any consultants and, if so (*a*) what were the number of consultants hired (*b*) what were their names (*c*) what were the dates they were hired (*d*) what was the amount of each contract (*e*) what was the total amount spent?

2. For the same periods, were applications received by the Native Economic Development Program and, if so (*a*) how many (*b*) for each application, what was (i) the date it was received (ii) the name of the applicant (iii) the title of the proposal (iv) the date it was recommended for approval by the Native Advisory Board (v) the date it was approved by the Minister of State (Small Businesses and Tourism) (vi) the date the contribution agreement was signed by both the applicant and the Government (*c*) for each application, what were the dates cheques were issued and their amounts?

3. For the same periods, did proposals and/or projects receive grants and/or contributions under the program and, if so (*a*) how many (*b*) what were the proposals and/or projects funded (*c*) for each, what was the amount of financial assistance approved and received (*d*) for each, was the assistance in the form of a grant or a contribution?

4. For the same periods, were applications submitted to the program and, if so, how many under (*a*) Element I (*b*) Element II (*c*) Element III?

5. For the same periods, were proposals funded by the program and, if so, how many under (*a*) Element I (*b*) Element II (*c*) Element III?

6. For the same periods, were any proposals submitted under the program forwarded to other economic programs and, if so (*a*) how many (*b*) what were they (*c*) which program was each proposal forwarded to (*d*) on what date was it forwarded (*e*) for each, has assistance been provided?

7. For the same periods, was money expended by the program in grants and contributions and, if so (*a*) how many projects received funding (*b*) what were the projects (*c*) what was the amount of funding in each case (*d*) what was the total amount spent?

8. For the same periods (*a*) what was the total value of proposals submitted to the program (*b*) what was the amount the program spent on (i) administration (ii) consultants (iii) grants (iv) contributions?

Return tabled.

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STARRED QUESTIONS

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, would you be so kind as to call Starred Question No. 89.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Question No. *89—**Mr. Daubney:**

Point of Order—Mr. Gauthier

1. For the period January 1, 1985, to December 31, 1986, did the Government eliminate positions in the Public Service and, if so, how many?

2. Of those individuals whose positions were eliminated, were any subsequently placed in other positions in the Public Service and (a) if so, what are the numbers and the proportion who were (i) men (ii) women (iii) members of visible minorities (b) if not, what are the numbers and the proportion who were (i) men (ii) women (iii) members of visible minorities?

3. What is the total number of positions now existing in the Public Service and what proportion is held by (a) women (b) members of visible minorities?

Mr. Chuck Cook (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, the response of the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. de Cotret) is: 1. Treasury Board does not control the size of the federal Public Service on the basis of positions or individuals. Rather, Treasury Board controls are based on person-year authorities measured on a fiscal year over fiscal year basis, i.e. employment of one person for 12 months, two persons for six months, et cetera.

The Treasury Board controlled federal Public Service had decreased in size by 8,900 person-years or 3.7 per cent between April 1, 1985, and April 1, 1987. The total number of person-year authorities approved for Main Estimates 1987-88 is 233,454 person-years. Further detail is available in Supplementary Table 2.2S p. 16, Part I of the 1987-88 Main Estimates.

2. As mentioned when tabling the Main Estimates, the President of the Treasury Board will be reporting more fully to Parliament with respect to the impact of the person-year reductions on human resources when the final results are available later this month (April). 3. As at December 31, 1986, there were 90,741 women (41.8 per cent) in the Public Service. In a survey conducted in 1985, 3,791 employees (1.7 per cent) identified themselves as belonging to visible minority groups. These data include indeterminate employees and term employees over six months service hired under the Public Service Employment Act. An update of the visible minorities data is planned for 1988.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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POINT OF ORDER

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS AND MOTIONS—PROCEDURE AND TIMING OF DRAW FOR PRECEDENCE

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, I gave notice in writing today that I wanted to raise a point of order which arises from procedures before we adjourned for the Easter break. You will recall that I had discussed this with