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about 15 per cent of Government of Canada marketable bonds in 1992 and U.S. and U.K. investors, about 7.5 per cent each. There are no figures available for Germany. (ii) It is estimated that Japanese investors held about \$24 billion Canadian of Government of Canada marketable bonds in 1992 and U.S. and U.K. investors, about \$12 billion Canadian each. There are no figures available for Germany. In response to (d) it was 49 per cent as at March 31, 1992. In response to (e) it was 9.16 per cent for fiscal year 1991-92. Direct borrowing in Canadian dollars by the Government of Canada on foreign markets between 1980 and 1992 was as follows:

	Million Canadian Dollars
1980	2,195
1981	1,414
1982	1,699
1983	922
1984	1,548
1985	5,886
1986	6,027
1987	4,573
1988	2,247
1989	788
1990	1,122
1991	44
1992	745

[English]

Mr. Edwards: I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

[Translation]

Mr. Duhamel: Mr. Speaker, I raised this point a long time ago and you may be familiar with the case.

[English]

Over a year ago I had a question about the goods and services tax on the Order Paper as to how much it would in fact raise from Canadians. How much would it cost to administer? How much of that has gone toward the

deficit and reduction of the debt? I have raised this on several occasions. My colleague is very honourable, otherwise I would be angry by now.

I am in a really difficult situation. I have constituents asking me why that gentleman I call honourable is not giving me the answers. I say that perhaps there are others who are not quite as honourable as he who are not providing the information. I do not know.

They point out to me that there has been a number of articles in the newspapers asking: Is it possible that the goods and services tax has raised more money than has been suggested which might be used during an election? Is it possible that it costs a lot more to administer than the government has suggested? There are all kinds of rumours out there.

I am trying to help my constituents find out the truth. I assume that my colleague is continuing to try to get me those answers I desperately need for my constituents.

Mr. Edwards: Mr. Speaker, I think my hon. friend raised this question with me last Wednesday if I am not mistaken. That was five days ago and I was hoping he might give me seven.

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[Translation]

SMALL BUSINESSES LOANS ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Hockin that Bill C-99, an act to amend the Small Businesses Loans Act and another act in consequence thereof, be read the second time and referred to a legislative committee in the Economics envelope.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): When the debate was suspended at 2 p.m., the hon. member for St. Boniface still had 13 minutes left.

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, I will briefly summarize where I was because, as you will understand, I was not able to finish my speech. Here is what I had indicated.

[English]

This party will, in fact, support this legislation because we see it as a step forward for small and medium sized businesses. We would have liked the government to have gone further. At the same time, we are going to make some proposals that it may want to take very seriously.