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ment of the tax evaluation division of the finance department which occurred last summer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 109, this committee requests a government response to this report.

[Translation]

I may add that the committee took this matter seriously, hence our intention to give notice with in the next few minutes so that the report can be considered and concurred in by the House.

[Editor's note: See today's Votes and Proceedings.]

[English]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I will recognize the hon. member for Kamloops on a point of order after I hear the hon. member on Questions on the Order Paper.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Bill Kempling (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Treasury Board and Minister of State (Finance)): Mr. Speaker, Question No. 92 will be answered today.

[Text]

Question No. 92—**Ms. Hunter:**

Has the government allocated any resources toward the development of exportable environmentally friendly technologies and, if so, how much and what percentage of federal government research and development funds does this represent?

Hon. William Charles Winegard (Minister for Science): It is important to draw a distinction between environmental technologies which are specific to improving or protecting our environment and environment friendly technologies which may not relate directly to the environment but the application of which does not injure the environment.

It is very difficult, both in a technical and statistical sense, to separate expenditures into these two categories. This having been said, it is estimated that for the fiscal year 1991/92, the federal government will allocate \$3,287 million to support R and D in general and \$65 million specifically targeted to the environment. The \$65

million represents 2.0 per cent of the total estimated allocation for the support of R and D in 1991/92.

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[English]

STARRED QUESTIONS

Mr. Bill Kempling (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Treasury Board and Minister of State (Finance)): Mr. Speaker, would you be so kind as to call Starred Question No. 118.

I ask that it be printed in *Hansard* as if read.

[Text]

*Question No. 118—**Mr. Duhamel:**

For each year since 1987–1988, what is the total of all grants paid to businesses by the federal government for (a) small (b) medium (c) large businesses?

Hon. Gilles Loisel (President of the Treasury Board and Minister of State (Finance)): I am informed by the Office of the Comptroller General of Canada as follows:

The total grants and contributions paid to businesses by the federal government since 1987–1988 by fiscal year is as follows:

1987–88—\$2,849,321,460

1988–89—\$2,828,328,867

1989–90—\$2,926,137,890

1990–91—\$2,493,222,484

The information is not available for amounts paid to small, medium and large businesses.

[English]

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

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The questions as enumerated by the parliamentary secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Mr. Riis: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. Standing Order 39(5) indicates that when members submit a question under this category of the agenda they can request that a minister respond to a specific question within 45 days.