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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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TOPIC: Ford Grant

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QUESTION No.: AI-124

Is it correct that Ford did not receive any written information or explanation during January 2012 about the source of the money (and/or the program) from which the Federal Government's contribution of \$34 million was being provided? If not, how were they advised in written form and on what date(s)?

ANSWER

Yes. The grant comes from the funding envelope of *A New Car Plan for a Greener Future* but has not been made from a specific program under the Plan. As a consequence, the source of the funding is not a matter for the company.