

1 for Donald Cameron, MLA, Minister of Industry and
2 Premier, the establishment of the mine was a prime cause.
3 Though his efforts and the efforts of like-minded
4 politicians, Westray came to life surrounded by
5 government support and concessions. Indeed, I think it's
6 clear from the evidence that there would have been no
7 mine without this government support.

8 And even a cursory review of the support package
9 shows what a good deal Mr. Frame and Mr. Pelley and Mr.
10 Phillips, helped at strategic points by Mr. Cameron, were
11 able to get from the Province.

12 Just point by point, we had the \$12-million loan, we
13 had the \$8-million interim loan, we had the guaranteed
14 sale to Nova Scotia Power, the take-or-pay agreement, an
15 extraordinary and generous arrangement. We had a federal
16 loan guarantee, a federal interest buy down and then
17 permission to take a 200,000 tonne so-called "sample" of
18 coal.

19 When you compare this generous treatment against the
20 resources that were provided to the mine safety division
21 of the Nova Scotia Department of Labour at the time, a
22 clear picture of the priorities of the Provincial
23 Government emerges. The inspectors in the mine safety
24 division knew they were not ready for Westray and they
25 asked for help. You remember, they asked for a new