

1 engineering position. They asked for training on the  
2 mining method to be used at Westray. They asked for  
3 permission to hire expert consultants to help them in  
4 ground control problems. Each request was turned down.  
5 There was no new money to help the inspectors meet the  
6 challenges of Westray and, in fact, as you recall, the  
7 staff of the mine safety division was actually cut by one  
8 important body at the same time that Westray was  
9 struggling to get into production. As I think it was  
10 John Smith testified, Mr. Commissioner, perhaps they  
11 should have gone to Clifford Frame for the money.

12 We submit you should find that the Government of  
13 Nova Scotia, which generously assisted the establishment  
14 of this mine, failed to provide adequate resources to the  
15 public officials who were supposed to inspect the safety  
16 of the mine. Economic development was more important  
17 than the safety of workers.

18 A second point of significance, Mr. Commissioner, in  
19 the government's support for the mine is the creation of  
20 a political aura around the mine and its operations. And  
21 this aura, we submit, inevitably affected the regulation  
22 of the mine. And while no public servant testified to  
23 having been directly influenced by a politician, there  
24 are several instances in the evidence which show that  
25 regulators carried out their duties fully conscious of