

MR. ROGERS, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 Q. Yes. All right, thank you. Can you describe for
2 me, just before we move on, when you were Deputy Minister
3 of Taxation, who was your Minister?

4 A. I had two Ministers. The first was -- I actually
5 had three at the very beginning. There was Pierre
6 Boussiere who was in the dying days of the Liberal
7 Government, followed by Roy MacLaren who was there for a
8 matter of weeks. And after the Conservatives were
9 elected, my first Minister was Perrin Beatty and he was
10 followed by Elmer MacKay.

11 Q. How long did you serve with Mr. MacKay?

12 A. About just under two years.

13 Q. When you left that Department to go Industry,
14 Science and Technology, how would you describe your
15 relationship with Mr. MacKay?

16 A. Very cordial. I both respected him as a Minister in
17 the Department, but he was also an affable and agreeable
18 person as an individual. So we had a personal, but
19 professional relationship. I don't mean a social
20 relationship. It was an office -- an office arrangement.

21 Q. All right, thank you. Now as Deputy Minister of
22 Industry, Science and Technology, what role would that
23 Department play in overseeing or becoming involved in
24 funding for projects such as Westray? Perhaps a little
25 bit of its general function before we get into Westray