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1 A. Yes, exactly.

2 Q. Okay. Now let me come to some more general issues,  
3 if I can. You had made reference on a number of  
4 occasions to the feasibility studies that Westray -- or  
5 Suncor had had prepared on this project, and you referred  
6 to them as being about a foot in depth. You yourself, I  
7 assume, wouldn't have gone through those, but you would  
8 have been aware that they existed?

9 A. No, I did scan them myself.

10 Q. Did you?

11 A. There was a point at which I felt that in terms of  
12 my role in the project that to have said that I never  
13 examined the technical documents or read any part of them  
14 was not something that -- not a position I should find  
15 myself in nor should Ministers find themselves taking  
16 advice from somebody who hadn't even taken the time or  
17 trouble to read.

18 So I read quite extensively. Some of those  
19 documents are very readable for a layman; some of them  
20 are highly technical, but there are several that were  
21 quite easy to follow with respect to what needed to be  
22 done. So I really wanted to have a sense of the extent  
23 of documentation and the level of comprehension in that  
24 documentation and to make an assessment of whether or not  
25 it seemed to be expert assessment -- or expert writing.