

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 A. Mr. Commissioner, I'd be very happy to abide by any  
2 ruling you make. It's just that when he makes -- he  
3 makes questions and puts those kind of tones in it, then  
4 I'm going to react to it, I'm sorry.

5 COMMISSIONER Well, let me just ask you if you would  
6 answer the question without embellishment --

7 A. Well --

8 COMMISSIONER -- okay?

9 A. -- if he could please try to ask the questions  
10 without embellishment too, I think it would be a lot  
11 easier for both of us, and I know a lot easier for you,  
12 Commissioner.

13 MR. MERRICK Is that not the point that your own Deputy  
14 Minister is making to you in that memo?

15 A. I don't know what the point he's making. I don't --  
16 we finally decided that it would be pari passu. It  
17 didn't cost the taxpayers one cent. It was all paid back  
18 with interest at 11.75 percent interest. I don't  
19 understand what this has [sic] with the mine explosion.  
20 It was paid back with interest at 11.75 percent. So,  
21 apparently, the decision wasn't too -- a great one to  
22 take.

23 Q. So that if we can just flip over to page 26, that's  
24 a letter to you to Westray, in which you confirm the  
25 Province's commitment to give the interim financing?