

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. HEBERT

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2 Q. Mr. Cameron, as you indicated, there are many, I
3 guess, allegations or suggestions surrounding this
4 incident. And I just wanted to address a few of those
5 and ask for your assistance in maybe getting at the
6 bottom of them.

7 The first one that I want to address is that the
8 Prime Minister himself was fully supportive of this -- of
9 the Westray mine project and wanted the deal done. Is
10 that your understanding as well?

11 A. Clearly, the Prime Minister was aware of this
12 project. He was a Member in this riding and was
13 supportive of the project overall.

14 Q. But Premier Buchanan, at the time, did he indicate
15 to you that he had assurances from the Prime Minister
16 that the project would be done before the final deal was
17 closed?

18 A. I had -- I'm sure, if I can go back in my
19 information, I didn't -- I think I had a letter from the
20 Federal Minister saying that they agreed to support the
21 project many, many months --

22 Q. Certainly --

23 A. -- before it was finalized. And so --

24 Q. And you indicated earlier in your testimony that Mr.
25 MacKay was fully supportive, had -- you had a commitment