MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. HEBERT

- 1 have from counsel, his counsel, that in fact the evidence
- is that it wasn't being done, and my question to Mr.
- 3 Cameron now, again, is was -- would he -- what -- is he
- 4 surprised to learn that for the first time now, that the
- 5 Department -- or the Province of Nova Scotia was not
- 6 reviewing mine plans with respect to safety of workers.
- 7 Does that surprise you, sir?
- 8 A. Well, I just simply wasn't involved in that
- 9 department or any of those discussions. So, you know --
- 10 O. All right.
- 11 A. -- surprise or not really doesn't add much to this
- 12 debate --
- 13 O. Fair enough.
- 14 A. -- that's --
- 15 Q. Do you think that it's something that the Province
- should be doing?
- 17 A. If through the <u>Occupational Health and Safety Act</u>,
- 18 if the unions representing the workers believe that this
- 19 a useful aspect that will increase safety aspects of
- 20 workers in this province, then I think it would be a very
- 21 legitimate issue to raise.
- 22 Q. Now you mentioned in your testimony that it was
- 23 common knowledge within the Government that Westray was a
- 24 political -- I guess there was a "political swirl," to
- 25 use your terminology, around Westray. And, again, I take