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1 specifically?

2 A. The Department of Industry, Science and Technology
3 had a major role to play in the setting of industrial and
4 science and technology policy, so that in the context of
5 government operations, regional development agencies, in
6 particular, would be guided by the policies of Industry,
7 Science, and Technology that had been approved by
8 Cabinet. So that often we found ourselves dealing with
9 the various proposals of regional development agencies
10 generally.

11 Q. And would ACOA be one of those regional
12 development --

13 A. Yes, it --

14 Q. -- agencies?

15 A. -- would.

16 Q. Yes?

17 A. And where there would be conflict, then we would
18 have the right kind of dynamic tension, if you will,
19 between what the regional development agency wished to do
20 and what we, as a Department with the policy
21 responsibility, might prefer differently.

22 An example, if I could give you one, would be a
23 matter of forest policy. The policy of the Department,
24 which was approved by Cabinet, precluded investments in
25 increasing capacity in pulp and paper and oriented