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1 it had to deal with the totality of those issues, as well  
2 as do the business case analysis and the assessment of  
3 what, if anything, should be recommended and under what  
4 circumstances, and for why.

5 And, in addition, of course, the Department of  
6 Energy, Mines, and Resources was asked to provide a  
7 technical assessment on the feasibility of proceeding  
8 with such a project.

9 So those would be, I suppose, the main players,  
10 apart from central agencies who -- "central agencies"  
11 being Treasury Board Secretariat, the Privy Council  
12 Office and the Department of Finance, all of whom hold  
13 watching briefs to be sure that due diligence is  
14 accomplished.

15 Q. What was done about the environmental issues that  
16 were raised? As I've gone through the documents, I  
17 haven't seen a lot of activity on that.

18 A. There were a series of provincial environment  
19 assessments performed and public hearings held. And the  
20 Federal Government, which is permitted under the -- under  
21 the then Environmental Assessment Act, could either  
22 conduct its own hearings separately or it could accept  
23 the findings of the provincial hearings. And so in the  
24 final analysis the Federal Government agreed, having  
25 examined the provincial work, that it was adequate to the