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1 And resolving them included resolving the level of
2 financial support, but I can say that there were so many
3 other issues that needed resolution first, that that
4 issue really came into focus later in the piece. For
5 example, we had to see if we could get -- with respect to
6 the DEVCO problem, I had to see if we could obtain a
7 commitment from the Nova Scotia government to sustain the
8 volume of coal purchases from DEVCO in accordance with a
9 schedule of commitments that had been earlier made for a
10 period of ten years.

11 I had to find -- confirm, had to find out and
12 confirm that there was a contractual agreement between
13 the Nova Scotia Government and Curragh with respect to
14 coal volumes they were going to purchase.

15 We had to deal with the technical assessment of the
16 case and satisfy ourselves that the sufficient work and
17 evidence existed that this was a viable mining activity,
18 the responsibility of E.M.R., as I mentioned.

19 And, in addition, you're collecting additional
20 financial substantiation from the proponents on their
21 business case.

22 So towards -- once, as these issues start to be
23 resolved, then you can come back to Ministers and put
24 your case that this level of support is excessive, and
25 you have other options. You cannot approve it. You can