

MR. ROGERS, EXAM. BY MR. HEBERT

1 A. That's speculation. I refuse to --

2 Q. Had you heard --

3 A. I refuse to engage in this.

4 Q. Had you heard that speculation prior to today?

5 A. I read of that speculation, like everybody else, but  
6 I refuse to comment on it.

7 Q. Thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER Mr. Roberts?

9 EXAMINATION BY MR. ROBERTS

10 Q. Mr. Rogers, just on this point of the role of the  
11 Federal Government and the role of the banks, would you  
12 agree with me that the bank's function of monitoring the  
13 project and the -- your Department's role in receiving  
14 reports from the bank would in no way be a substitute for  
15 the carrying out of the regulatory responsibilities of  
16 Provincial regulators charged with health and safety of  
17 people in this mine?

18 A. Absolutely. Absolutely.

19 Q. Okay. You used a number of adjectives yesterday  
20 when you were asked to describe your impression of Mr.  
21 Frame and I caught "abusive, abrasive, unpleasant" and  
22 "offensive," among others. What was the context in which  
23 you derived that opinion of Mr. Frame?

24 A. Well, in direct consultations with him.

25 Q. What was going on? I mean, how -- what was the