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1 you can increase the business volumes here because the
2 project, as it stands, doesn't make sense."

3 At that point, even with the amount of support
4 requested, which I -- you will recall was equivalent to
5 \$48 million, that the project was not -- was not viable.

6 So I think what happened was that Westray, at least
7 Curragh, went back to the Provincial Government --

8 Q. I see.

9 A. -- to try and increase the volumes. And I suppose
10 that was the result.

11 Q. And as your -- your understanding was that in the
12 initial stages, in any event, this -- the result, as you
13 call it, was an agreement, in effect, just directly
14 between -- we've seen correspondence from Mr. Cameron and
15 Mr. Frame that there was nothing more than this
16 commitment in principle from the Province?

17 A. No, there was -- there was confirmation that there
18 was a contractual link, a contractual document between
19 the Province of Nova Scotia and Curragh that guaranteed
20 the take or pay of 275,000 tonnes per year.

21 And as you recall, a great deal of time and effort
22 was spent in trying to get sight of that document to know
23 that, in fact, it existed.

24 Q. That was my next question. Did you, at the time you
25 were told that there was such a document, did you, in