

MR. ROGERS, EXAM. BY MR. TRAVES

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. -- in monitoring this mine?

3 A. Yes. At the time, yes.

4 Q. Thank you. Those are my questions, Mr.

5 Commissioner.

6 COMMISSIONER Mr. Campbell, do you have anything --

7 MR. COLIN CAMPBELL No, I have no questions, sir.

8 COMMISSIONER Mr. Merrick?

9 EXAMINATION BY MR. MERRICK

10 MR. MERRICK A couple of quick points, Mr. Rogers. We
11 talked yesterday about the fact that one of the main
12 reasons for the delay or the hesitancy on the Federal
13 Government to grant funding was that no department wanted
14 this attached to their budget. What department wound up
15 being the loser on that?

16 A. The final funding came from Central Reserves, so no
17 -- from the Central Reserves of the Government. So that
18 no department was directly impacted budget-wise.

19 COMMISSIONER That's not like the consolidated fund, is
20 it?

21 A. Well, there -- the Government always maintains
22 contingencies, contingency reserves, for unforeseen
23 expenditures, and so this was the source of the funds in
24 this instance.

25 MR. MERRICK And that was not then -- the Central