

MR. ROGERS, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 Reserves is not part of any particular department's  
2 budgetary --

3 A. No.

4 Q. -- structure?

5 COMMISSIONER I'm glad it wouldn't appear -- the  
6 consolidated fund from which the federally-appointed  
7 judges get their salaries.

8 MR. MERRICK Were there any guidelines or criteria that  
9 have to be met to apply to use Central Reserve funds for  
10 a project like this?

11 A. It was -- the decisions were made by Ministers on a  
12 case-by-case basis.

13 Q. All right. You have told us your own particular  
14 position in relation to this project and whether it  
15 should have received the funding that it did. As I heard  
16 your evidence, I understood that your position probably  
17 to be based on the fact that to grant funding to this  
18 project would, in fact, go against the policy that had  
19 been established by Energy, Mines, and Resources just  
20 previous to that, and also that the cost was very high.

21 Were there other reasons as well that were the basis  
22 of your own view as to the appropriateness of this  
23 funding package? Or were they the two main reasons?

24 A. [No audible response]

25 Q. Why didn't you like --