

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 be dealt with that we didn't think -- my advice from the  
2 Department, we didn't think we could handle it all. So I  
3 think they were involved in a lot more than the take-or-  
4 pay, I think. The whole package was done there --

5 Q. Did they --

6 A. -- in the end.

7 Q. Did they advise your department that your department  
8 had no authority to sign a take-or-pay agreement?

9 A. Maybe they did. They didn't advise me of that.

10 Q. But, Mr. Cameron, I'm having a little difficulty  
11 here. You were the Minister?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. This is a key point. You know that we're going to  
14 be talking about it today. You are telling me you can't  
15 be sure or not whether that outside law firm gave you  
16 that legal opinion?

17 A. To me directly?

18 Q. Have I got that correct?

19 A. To me directly?

20 Q. To your department?

21 A. I couldn't tell you if they did or not. They  
22 probably did. Our department was saying it was not legal  
23 for that department to do it. And the fact it was done  
24 to Novaco would kind of back that statement up, wouldn't  
25 it?