

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 right; we're not getting a fair hearing." And then the  
2 Prime Minister or the Premier would go to a department  
3 and say, "Look, I have -- I have concerns expressed by so  
4 and so. Could you, you know, brief me on it. I would  
5 like to know what is going on here."

6 I think it's a very normal role in Government. I  
7 think it's been practiced right -- I know it's in  
8 practice right now and there's nothing wrong with it.

9 Q. Let me take you to the second paragraph of that  
10 memo. He reports: "I told Peter that my impression of  
11 the circumstances was that a lot of frustration was  
12 building on this project awaiting the decision from the  
13 Prime Minister's office, mainly Westray Coal had run out  
14 of funds, and the Province is upset because it wants to  
15 see a timetable met for the delivery of coal to Nova  
16 Scotia Power Corporation."

17 Two questions, do you know what he was referring to  
18 by a "decision from the Prime Minister's office"? What  
19 decision was it that they were waiting for?

20 A. I don't know. Mr. Redrupp wrote this and, you know,  
21 it would probably be better to ask him what he meant,  
22 because I really can't get in his mind and understand  
23 when he puts it in those very firm terms, "a decision  
24 from the Prime Minister's office." The decision wasn't  
25 made in the Prime Minister's office; we already heard