

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 A. I would think he would have a general understanding  
2 as a Deputy Minister, but the real details would be done  
3 by -- we're talking about Labour now or Resources?

4 Q. Labour, Labour.

5 A. Yeah, the real details would be the experts that  
6 he's hired in the different divisions.

7 Q. But he would have, I assume, been aware that that  
8 was taking place and be able to understand what they were  
9 saying. Would that be fair?

10 A. Yes, I think he would have a general understanding.  
11 That would be expected.

12 Q. And he would be -- have sufficient ability himself  
13 or herself, and sufficient knowledge, that he could  
14 challenge his officials for explanations, to explain why  
15 something doesn't make sense or does make sense, if he  
16 thinks it doesn't. That sort of thing?

17 A. Well, I'm sure there's many questions asked like  
18 that by Deputy Ministers.

19 Q. All right. And I assume that a Deputy Minister  
20 ultimately must be able to say, "I am responsible for the  
21 quality of regulatory authority that my officials have  
22 exercised." Is that fair?

23 A. Well, yeah, in the end the responsibility goes right  
24 up the line to the Minister.

25 Q. So that if a mine inspector has not properly carried