

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 out his functions, the Deputy Minister should be able to  
2 come forward and say, "I'm responsible for how well he  
3 did his job"?

4 A. Yes, that's part of the responsibility would have to  
5 lie there.

6 Q. And is it not fair to say that that must go one link  
7 further? A Minister must be able to say, "I'm  
8 responsible for how my Deputy did his job, and that way,  
9 I'm responsible for how the mine inspector did his job"?

10 A. Well, we're get -- we're drawing the bow a little  
11 longer now but --

12 Q. Yes, we are.

13 A. -- clearly, I would say that the Premier is  
14 responsible for the Minister doing his job and also for  
15 the Deputy Minister. They're both appointed by the  
16 Premier of the Province.

17 Q. So that if the evidence were to establish that the  
18 mines inspectors did not do a proper job in relation to  
19 this mine, and the Department of Natural Resources, in  
20 exercising their regulatory function, I'm saying "if" the  
21 evidence establishes, did not properly discharge their  
22 function; and if the evidence establishes that it was not  
23 a competent discharge of responsibilities, then,  
24 ultimately, the Premier is responsible for that?

25 A. If that information came to the Minister or the