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1 Q. But it's his job --

2 A. -- the Premier is informed that someone is not doing
3 a job, an inspec -- and nothing is done, yes, that's --

4 Q. But it's the Minister's responsibility to ensure
5 that that information is getting to him. Either because
6 he looks after it himself, he makes sure people aren't --

7 A. Getting --

8 Q. -- blowing smoke --

9 A. Getting to who?

10 Q. -- in his face? Getting to him.

11 A. Getting to the Minister?

12 Q. Getting to the Minister. Either by getting it
13 himself. For example, by making sure nobody is blowing
14 smoke in his face or by ensuring that his Department,
15 down through the chain of command, is making sure that
16 information is getting to him. He's responsible for
17 that, isn't he?

18 A. Yes, he certainly has part of the responsibility.

19 Q. And, ultimately, it has to come to the person at the
20 top?

21 A. Yes. If that person at the top is aware of
22 information and does nothing, he's got to take the
23 responsibility.

24 Q. So let me put to you: If, as a result of an incident
25 such as the Westray tragedy the evidence does in fact