

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 to accept ultimate responsibility for that, how can we
2 ever have any assurances that things will change or
3 improve?

4 A. Well, they'll change if you -- there's been a great
5 effort made to update the law that was under -- operating
6 under at the time of this terrible disaster.

7 The new Minister Brown has introduced legislation. I
8 think he said it took three years. It's actually
9 something we started. It took three years, met with over
10 100 different groups of labour and industry. And, to me,
11 that's a process that is going to be better than any
12 other to try to protect the safety -- workers of our
13 province. That's how you protect the safety of our
14 people. A three-year process and now legislation with
15 the foundation based on what all these people, including
16 the unions, believe is the safest way to make sure that
17 people in Nova Scotia are going to work in a safe
18 environment. And that's a law of our province. I'm not
19 criticizing that law. I think the Minister has made a
20 tremendous effort the last three years to try to bring
21 these results. And he certainly went out and talked to
22 an awful lot of people to try to deal with the issue that
23 we're talking about right here today. And that -- the
24 foundation of that, the foundation, is an internal
25 responsibility.