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1 some extent we still have, the Department of Natural  
2 Resources, the Department of Mines at that time, who was  
3 responsible to, in effect, promote development of the  
4 resources of the Province and also had a regulatory  
5 function. And we've had some witnesses explain that that  
6 really is too much of a conflict of interest; you can't  
7 be a promoter and a regulator at the same time. Do you  
8 have any thoughts for us on that?

9 A. A promoter and a regulator in the Department of  
10 Mines?

11 Q. Yes.

12 A. Well, we've -- we're always very, very concerned  
13 about -- about conflicts and, in fact, I would -- my  
14 approach that we'd have -- we'd take the turf divisions  
15 down. That I don't want to even see turf divisions  
16 between inspectors that happen to be in another  
17 department and regulators or promoters.

18 I think that you will see Government going to more  
19 of a one-stop concept, that people can get service in one  
20 area. So I think again, even the new Government, which I  
21 agree with their approach to have a department so more  
22 and more services can be done by one department for the  
23 public.

24 So, again, I would think that the direction seems to  
25 be to have people -- to take the lines down and to work