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1 all the involvement and all the interest that you had in
2 this project, that after you became Premier, you weren't
3 aware of what the Ministers of Labour and the Minister of
4 Mines and Resources were doing with Westray?

5 A. No, that's the nature of the way it works. If you
6 remember when I became Premier, it was only for a very
7 short time, and I think we put in 250 reforms in a very,
8 very short time. And I tended to be focused on some of
9 those major issues that we wanted to change. And I did
10 not speak to my Ministers on a daily basis. There simply
11 wouldn't be enough time in the day.

12 Q. I would like to go back and discuss with you a
13 minute -- again the new Act. And I would ask you to
14 consider that when you're trying to build consensus with
15 employers and employees, and then this consensus has to
16 go through the Department of Labour and, in actual fact,
17 the Department of Labour has people working on the
18 working groups trying to come to the consensus, that that
19 is going to influence what the outcome is, knowing that
20 it has to go through Cabinet. Do you agree with that?

21 A. I really can't agree or disagree with that. I'm
22 just -- I just can't. I'm not sure.

23 Q. Well, thinking of when you were in power, if your
24 Minister had come in and was trying to put something
25 through Cabinet that was radically different from where