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1 A. I'm just saying everyone in Government. Once
2 there's a political stigma to it, I think they're more
3 cautious.

4 Q. And was that your impression, that the Department of
5 Labour was being extra cautious with respect to safety
6 issues at Westray?

7 A. I didn't say that. I just said that they were --

8 Q. Well, you said, "everyone in Government." Did that
9 include the Department of Labour?

10 A. I would think that when people are reading about
11 this in the paper all the time that they become a little
12 more cautious.

13 Q. All right. So you're just speculating now on that?

14 A. That's only my opinion.

15 Q. Okay, fair enough. Were you aware of whether or not
16 the Department of Labour did take extra precautions with
17 respect to safety as a result of the political aura
18 surrounding the Westray Mine?

19 A. Well, I wasn't Minister of Labour so -- and I
20 certainly wasn't going to interfere in any way --

21 Q. All right.

22 A. -- with the regulators or the inspectors.

23 Q. So I take it then that the answer to that question
24 is no, you were --

25 A. I was not aware.