

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. ROBERTS

1 COMMISSIONER Now ask your question again, please.

2 MR. ROBERTS My question is: Did you take any action to  
3 see that any agency of the Nova Scotia Government was  
4 appraised of these risk in order that that agency might  
5 take some steps to protect the health and safety of the  
6 employees of the Westray Mine?

7 A. Well, I knew the -- all the departments, the  
8 Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Mines,  
9 these are the things they look at. And these are the  
10 things that exist in every mine. In fact, all of these  
11 have happened in the last two years in DEVCO.

12 Q. Is it possible to say yes or no to my question?

13 A. If it's not a yes or no answer, we can't do that.

14 Q. Did you take any action as a result of this --  
15 receiving this letter, sir?

16 A. I inquired -- I got concerned about some of these  
17 things and then I found out that these are the natural  
18 things in every underground coal mine.

19 Q. So you didn't pass it on to anybody else?

20 A. Our department looked at all these; that's part of  
21 the process.

22 Q. Now you obviously felt that this project was  
23 important enough that -- to the economy of the area that  
24 it was worth committing a sizeable amount of public money  
25 in one way or the other to it, correct?