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BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE CAMERON - COMMISSIONER	4 COFFEY, Q.C. (CONTINUED)
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APRIL 18, 2008	6 Q. Good morning, Commissioner. Good morning, Mr.
Appearances:	7 Tilley.
Bernard Coffey, Q.C Commission Co-counsel	8 MR. TILLEY:
Sandra Chaytor, Q.C Commission Co-counsel	9 A. Good morning, sir.
	10 COFFEY, Q.C.:
Rolf Pritchard/Jenny Chai Her Majesty in Right of NL	11 Q. Exhibit P-0308, please? Mr. Tilley, if I just
	could, we looked at this briefly yesterday,
Peter Browne/Jane Hennebury Doctors Kara Laing et al	this is an e-mail October 18th from Heather
	14 Predham to various individuals involved in
Daniel Simmons/Beth Whalen Eastern Regional Integrated	
Health Authority	16 I'm going tobegins, "I'm going to send this
	on." Ms. Predham says, "I'm not sure how
Chesley Crosbie Members of the Breast Cancer	18 HIROC will feel about notifying people at this
Testing Class Action	point in time," okay, "and the media attention
	will make any difference." Now, I'd asked you
Mark Pike NL Medical Association	about, you know, your view of whether or not
	22 HIROC or how HIROC felt about it and you've
Jennifer Newbury Canadian Cancer Society (NL Division)	23 indicated, I believe, that you'd listen to
David Eaton Central, Western and Labrador-Grenfell	them but it would not decide the issue, from
Regional Integrated Health Authorities	25 your perspective?
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	4 Q. One more factor.
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	6 A. That's correct.
Certificate	7 COFFEY, Q.C.:
	8 Q. And is about sending a letter to patients,
	9 individual patients?
	10 MR. TILLEY:
	11 A. Um-hm.
	12 COFFEY, Q.C.:
	13 Q. But she also goes on to say, "Whether the
	media attention will make any difference." In
	this context and looking back on it, this is
	October of 2005, was that, at the time, and I
	appreciate you're not Heather Predham, but she
	was working directly for you, okay.
	19 MR. TILLEY:
	20 A. Well, not directly, a couple of levels -
	21 COFFEY, Q.C.:
	22 Q. A couple of levels down -
	23 MR. TILLEY:
	24 A down in the organization, yeah.
	25 COFFEY, Q.C.:

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1 Q although in practice you had a lot of	that exhibit, from yourself to Joyce Penney
dealings with her?	that day and cancelling your Calgary trip,
3 MR. TILLEY:	3 "I'm expecting a call from Phil Hassen on the
4 A. Well, she certainly would have been in the	4 ER/PR issue. Track me down." Soand this
5 meetings that I had been attending, yes.	5 was sent from your wireless hand held?
6 COFFEY, Q.C.:	6 MR. TILLEY:
7 Q. Yes. So this media attention, was that media	7 A. Um-hm.
8 attention would make any difference to Eastern	8 COFFEY, Q.C.:
9 Health as to whether or not they sent the	9 Q. Now, sir, this is the Phil Hassen of CPSI?
letter or media attention would make any	10 MR. TILLEY:
differences to HIROC as to their position on	11 A. That's correct.
the letter or do you know?	12 COFFEY, Q.C.:
13 MR. TILLEY:	13 Q. That you had spoken of earlier, told the
14 A. I have no way of speculating, sir.	14 Commissioner about. So this around the time
15 COFFEY, Q.C.:	that you were contacting Mr. Hassen at CPSI
16 Q. Okay. Now, sir, I'm sorry, Registrar, Exhibit	about the ER/PR issue?
P-0354? Now this is an e-mail, an exchange	17 MR. TILLEY:
between Susan Bonnell and Deborah Thomas	18 A. Yes.
Pennell on October 18th, 2005. And I take it	19 COFFEY, Q.C.:
20 that at this point in time, this is an	20 Q. Okay. This is October. Did the cancellation
exchange between your communications staff	of your trip have anything to do with the
about, you know, the price of and relative	22 ER/PR issue?
effectiveness, from their perspective, of	23 MR. TILLEY:
buying certain advertising time?	24 A. I can't say specifically.
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1 Q. Okay. And on that point, I had neglected to	1 A. In the past year I have set up one with a
2 ask you, I will now, do you type your own e-	2 particular friend of mine to call, I don't
3 mails?	know if it's a chat or something.
4 MR. TILLEY:	4 COFFEY, Q.C.:
5 A. Yes.	5 Q. Okay. But in terms of, in relation to this
6 COFFEY, Q.C.:	6 ER/PR, you were not involved in any pinning?
7 Q. And in terms, while we're on the topic of e-	7 MR. TILLEY:
8 mails and text massaging and so on, blind	8 A. No.
9 copying people, are you familiar with the	9 COFFEY, Q.C.:
10 ability -	10 Q. Okay. You know, I'm not suggesting you were,
11 MR. TILLEY:	I justwhile it was on my mind, I thought I'd
12 A. Yes.	ask because it's come up before and will come
13 COFFEY, Q.C.:	13 up again.
14 Q. To do that?	14 MR. TILLEY:
15 MR. TILLEY:	15 A. I understand.
16 A. Yes.	16 COFFEY, Q.C.:
17 COFFEY, Q.C.:	17 Q. As well now, in this e-mail from Ms. Pennell
18 Q. Do you know in respect of the ER/PR issue,	to yourself and others that afternoon she's
19 were you ever involved in receiving blind	laid out the three scenarios and the
copies or sending blind copies?	20 advantages and disadvantages from her
21 MR. TILLEY:	21 perspective. You then, look toward the top of
22 A. I know that I have used blind copy process	22 the page, you responded to her saying,
over the years, but I can't say in relation to	"Deborah, I favour scenario 2, as well, if we
this particular issue.	kept the department in the loop on the plan."
25 COFFEY, Q.C.:	25 Signed, "George." My questions on this are as
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1 Q. And while I'm on the topic, hand held	follows: One, why would you be involved or
2 wirelesses, are you familiar with the idea of	2 drawn into this?
3 pinning, do you know any -	3 MR. TILLEY:
4 MR. TILLEY:	4 A. I can't speak for the individuals other than
5 A. No, I'm afraid not.	5 the fact that I'm sure they would have known
6 COFFEY, Q.C.:	6 my interest in getting this information out.
7 Q. Okay.	7 In addition to myself, obviously Dr. Williams
8 MR. TILLEY:	8 would have been contacted and Heather Predham.
9 A. If you could explain it to me, what it means,	9 It's normally not the type of issue I get
I might be able to -	10 involved in -
11 COFFEY, Q.C.:	11 COFFEY, Q.C.:
12 Q. Okay. It's text massaging that doesn't, I	12 Q. And that's -
gather, goI gather it goes from one phone to	13 MR. TILLEY:
another, one hand held device to another and	14 A but if somebody asks, I would, you know.
it's not recorded permanently or it's thought	15 COFFEY, Q.C.:
not to be recorded permanently in the e-mail	16 Q. So that's why I was asking, because is that I
systems, but you have to use a certain code or	gather from your earlier evidence that going
18 whatever.	down to this level you would not normally get
19 MR. TILLEY:	19 involved.
20 A. Oh, yeah. No. My familiarity with that is	20 MR. TILLEY:
21 more through my kids.	21 A. Um-hm.
22 COFFEY, Q.C.:	22 COFFEY, Q.C.:
23 Q. Okay. But you, yourself, certainly have not	23 Q. And yet, you here to get added to the list.
24 used pinning?	24 MR. TILLEY:
25 MR. TILLEY:	25 A. Yes.

Page 13 Page 15 A. Well, other than making sure that the 1 COFFEY, O.C.: 1 2 Q. Of people that afternoon in terms of which ad 2 department have been kept apprised, because I recall that they were calling during this scenario would be chosen. So if you're added 3 3 in that context, you know, when you responded, process looking for updates -4 4 you know, at 2:21 p.m. when you say, "I favour 5 5 COFFEY, Q.C.: scenario 2, as well." Q. As to what? 6 7 MR. TILLEY: 7 MR. TILLEY: 8 A. Yes. 8 A. What the status of the retesting was and I know there were questions about the patient 9 COFFEY, O.C.: Q. Does that decide the issue for the 10 notification process. So the intention would 10 be just to keep them informed on where we are. corporation, or, I'm sorry, for the health 11 11 12 authority? 12 COFFEY, Q.C.: 13 MR. TILLEY: Q. What's the plan here? 13 14 A. No. That's just my opinion with regards to 14 MR. TILLEY: the e-mail that was sent to me. 15 15 A. I'm not sure. 16 COFFEY, O.C.: 16 COFFEY, Q.C.: Q. Well, who was making the decision then in this Q. Well, this--so you just can't recall what -17 17 18 regard? 18 MR. TILLEY: 19 MR. TILLEY: 19 A. No. I can only assume it had to refer to the A. I suspect what would be happening here is that print media intentions. 20 20 if they've asked the opinion, they would get 21 21 COFFEY, Q.C.: 22 the opinion from the people that they've 22 Q. Because earlier in the month, apparently, the circulated the original to, they would get the e-mails we looked at yesterday, some of them, 23 23 anyway, there was some thought or view opinions from there, and if there's any 24 24 disagreement, then obviously it would have to expressed that there was not much point in 25 25 Page 14 Page 16 be dealt with, but if there's not, they'll issuing a press release or it was undesirable, 1 1 just move on. in fact, not so much no point in doing it, it 2 2 was undesirable from certain people's 3 COFFEY, Q.C.: 3 perspective in early October to issue a press Q. And if there was disagreement, whose final 4 5 decision would it be? release. Now you're considering which 5 6 MR. TILLEY: advertising scenario to buy and, you know, 6 you're asking have we, you're asking Deborah A. Well, I guess it depends on where the 7 7 disagreement might have occurred. If it was Thomas Pennell "Have we kept the department in 8 8 at a senior level the loop on the plan?" 9 10 MR. TILLEY: 10 COFFEY, O.C.: 11 Q. Well, here in this context it's, let me see, 11 A. Um-hm. it's Ms. Pennell, yourself, Dr. Robert 12 12 COFFEY, Q.C.: Williams, Denise Dunn and Heather Predham. 13 Q. So can you tell the Commissioner, what was the 13 thought process then as we go into October? 14 MR. TILLEY: 14 A. Um-hm. 15 MR. TILLEY: A. Well, we know by the--around that time the 16 COFFEY, O.C.: 16 intention to start calling the patients was 17 Q. So -17 being activated. There would have been a 18 MR. TILLEY: 18 A. I guess if there was a disagreement, it would number of inquires directly from the patients 19 19 that we would have received when the issue was have elevated to me. 20 20 21 COFFEY, Q.C.: 21 spoken to in the media and the intent would be Q. And then you asked in that e-mail at 2:21 p.m. to start putting in more extensive information 22 22 "Have we kept the department in the loop on that the public could get appreciation for 23 23 the plan?" What was that about? what the issue is all about. So I guess it 24 24 25 MR. TILLEY: 25 was a part of the overall strategy to get out

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19 Q. If we could look, please, at Exhibit P-0355? Now, while you were responding to Ms. Bonnell 20 on October 18th indicating you favoured 21 22 scenario 2--I'm sorry, responding to Ms. 23 Pennell, Ms. Bonnell apparently at the same time was sending an e-mail to Dr. Williams, 24 Denise Dunn, Patricia Pilgrim, Heather 25

newspaper advert. And this is entitled, "Retesting For ER and PR, What's It All About? A Message to Breast Cancer Patients." And then here's the text. A couple of questions that are posed here underlined are, "What are

ER and PR receptors?" and "What is happening

now?" And it's a one-page long advertisement,

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Pennell and yourself about this matter and, in

3 fact, was keeping track, because it's tracking 4 here indicating whether or not the e-mails

5 went through, apparently, and whether or not

they were opened. Interestingly, there's no 6

reference to what happened to the e-mails to yourself or Dr. Williams. But, attached are--

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she goes on, she says here, "Attached are

recommendations re advertising as well a drafted newspaper advert. I think we need to

go with at least one week of TV. The numbers

13 are amazing. And as to the paper, it's up to

14 you. It's a financial call. For your

15 information, the Provincial Government always

16 advertises in the local papers. For the TV

17 spot we would use a text message and a voiced

18 over reading with the following information" 19 and in brackets, "(no time for any more)."

20 And then there's the text she's suggesting is

21 "Eastern Health is retesting breast cancer

22 tissue samples that were ER and PR negative.

23 This summer our lab discovered inconsistent

24 results in a patient sample which lead us to retest all negative results. We want to 25

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or one-page, at least, in eight and a half by 1 2 eleven text. Now, sir, do you know whether or

not, or what was actually done then with 3 respect to electronic advertising and the 4

newspaper?

6 MR. TILLEY:

A. No, I don't.

8 COFFEY, O.C.:

Q. If we look, please, at Exhibit 0357, please?

Now, this is the e-mail that you had sent to 10

Deborah Thomas Pennell at 2:22 p.m., as noted

here, indicating you favoured scenario 2 and 12

13 asked about the department being kept in the 14 loop.

15 MR. TILLEY:

A. Um-hm.

17 COFFEY, Q.C.:

Q. Deborah Thomas-Pennell then, 3:49 that day, 18

sent an e-mail to Ms. Bonnell about ad 19 scenario saving "you can respond to him, re: 20

department"--which presumably is respond to 21

George Tilley about the Department of Health.

23 MR. TILLEY:

A. Uh-hm. 24

25 COFFEY, Q.C.:

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22 MR. TILLEY:

24 COFFEY, O.C.:

A. Uh-hm.

Q. That's correct?

which does not now exist. I have not given significant thought to the issue from the perspective as to whether it is appropriate to test these specimens without advising the patients; however, again my initial thought is that the original consent would be broad enough to cover retesting. With the media coverage and the information already

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A. Cancer care. 17 COFFEY, Q.C.: Q. Sent to Dr. Robert Williams your VP medical, who was, from your view, responsible for the whole of the ER/PR matter really from an operational sense.

disseminated by you, I would think that most

of the people who have tested negative would

Page 25 I MR TILLEY: 2 A. Yes. 3 COPPEY, QC: 2 Q. Did you ever consider making phone calls and then sending a letter as well? 4 MR TILLEY: 8 A. Yes. 9 COPPEY, QC: 10 Q. And where did Ms. Pilgrim work? 11 Q. Yes. 12 A. At the Health Sciences Centre. 13 COPPEY, QC: 14 Q. And as best as you can recall, HIROC'S 15 position or Dan Boone's position on this was never rought to your attention? 16 Q. And as best as you can recall, HIROC'S 17 MR TILLEY: 18 A. I don't recall that letter at all. 19 COPPEY, QC: 20 Q. Not so much the e-mail, but the information contained in it or some of it. 22 MR TILLEY: 23 A. No, because I can't imagine that somewhere along the way somehody might have mentioned to mere with regards to a legal opinion on this. Page 26 10 Q. On "this", being sending a letter to information containing patients. Now my preference from a severy early stage was the inappropriateness of a letter and was having to deal with that lett	April 18, 2008	Multi-Page Inquiry on Hormone Receptor Testing
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1	THE COMMISSIONER:	1	sit down and look at a process, from beginning
2	Q. Don't you have machines that put things in	2	to end as we are doing today, things are
3	envelopes and seal them now? Or maybe you	3	obviously more evident than they were at the
4		4	time we were going through this. Things were
5	MR. TILLEY:	5	happening as we were moving, so sometimes what
6	A. I'm not sure what we had access to, Madam	6	
7	Commissioner, but what I was going to refer to	7	later, were not things that certainly were
8		8	
9	saying that they wished that we had sent the	9	COFFEY, Q.C.:
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11	because there were some patients that had been	11	letter to the patients, I take it, was to
12		12	_
13	they hadn't received any information, but when	13	actual clarity. You can kind of sit and read
14		14	
15	up conversation, the information clicked from		MR. TILLEY:
16		16	
17	confirmation that the actual telephone call	17	you confirm you've made the contact.
18			COFFEY, Q.C.:
ı	COFFEY, Q.C.:	19	Q. But I'm thinking, leaving aside confirming
20	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	20	
21	the moment is, you know, you're referred to it	21	advantage of being able to read something.
22	with the extra work, I don't doubt it would be		MR. TILLEY:
23	a little extra work, but if the letter already	23	A. That's true and of course the -
24			COFFEY, Q.C.:
ı	MR. TILLEY:	25	
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1	Page 30 A. Yes.		Page 32 MR. TILLEY:
l -	COFFEY, Q.C.:	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. And the newspaper articles were to supplement
3	Q. And if you were going to phone patients, you	3	that.
4	had to find their phone numbers.		COFFEY, Q.C.:
l	MR TILLEY:	5	
6		1	MR. TILLEY:
ı	COFFEY, Q.C.:	7	
8			COFFEY, Q.C.:
9		9	Q. Such as at P-0355, page two, that sort of an
10		10	
ı	MR. TILLEY:	11	advertisement is to provide clarity, isn't it?
12	A. Yes.		MR. TILLEY:
13	COFFEY, Q.C.:	13	A. That's correct.
14		14	COFFEY, Q.C.:
15	a very simple database, really, and mail	15	Q. So in terms then of sendingthe decision not
16	merged and way we go. So did you ever even	16	to send the letters in October of 2005, can
17	ask anyone how much work it would be to send a	17	you tell the Commissioner then, because the
18		18	letters did not get sent then, so can you tell
19	MR. TILLEY:	19	the Commissioner why they didn't get sent?
20	A. No, sir, I didn't.	20	MR. TILLEY:
121	COFFEY, Q.C.:	21	A. Well the position that I was very comfortable
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22	Q. And did anyone ever tell you at the time that	22	with was to make it personal, a telephone
ı	Q. And did anyone ever tell you at the time that it's going to be a significant amount of work?		
22 23	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	22	conversation between a health provider and the

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will be able to respond in a personal one-on-	1 contact with the patients.
2 one way with questions with regards to the	2 COFFEY, Q.C.:
anature of this and surely it was a complicated	3 Q. Uh-hm.
4 issue.	4 MR. TILLEY:
5 COFFEY, Q.C.:	5 A. And the preference to go towards personal
6 Q. And you knew, though, all along going back to	6 contact in light of the patients having a
7 July that the Minister of Health and the	7 better understanding of what the issues were,
8 people around him, certainly the people around	8 so that was the rationale that we had used.
9 him, because it extended out to August and you	9 COFFEY, Q.C.:
had to have a meeting with Dr. Laing to	10 Q. And you have no recollection of anybody making
explain to the Minister why patient letters	11 you aware of HIROC's or Mr. Boone's position.
shouldn't go out then.	So if that factored into it, it wasn't brought
13 MR. TILLEY:	to your attention as a CEO, that's what you're
14 A. Yes.	14 telling us?
15 COFFEY, Q.C.:	15 MR. TILLEY:
16 Q. So you knew, from your perspective, the	16 A. Well if it factored into it, it wasn't the
Department of Health was fairly intent on	factor that would have influenced the overall
having letters sent, from their perspective?	outcome of the direction.
19 MR. TILLEY:	19 COFFEY, Q.C.:
20 A. Yes.	20 Q. Well were you aware of it then?
21 COFFEY, Q.C.:	21 MR. TILLEY:
22 Q. You knew it had come up again in October,	22 A. Aware of the letter?
correct? You would have been aware in October	23 COFFEY, Q.C.:
that there was talk about whether or not the	Q. No, aware of the sentiments expressed in his
letters should go out?	e-mail, the fact that you could be getting
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- 17 website there was a reference to that number.
- 18 Whether the patient/relations officer sat down
- 19 and took on some of the follow-up calls or calls to the patients herself to help with the 20

process, I'm not able to say. 21

22 COFFEY, Q.C.:

Q. See, Mr. Tilley, what did you understand was 23 actually happening here now? This is really 24 25

what I think the Commissioner is interested

17 MR. TILLEY:

A. Well, at that point in time it was going to be 18 19 retested.

20 THE COMMISSIONER:

Q. Okay.

22 MR. TILLEY:

A. Now, of course, there may have been some 23 24 others that were already retested by that 25 time.

	i uge inquiry on from one receptor resums
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1 COFFEY, Q.C.:	1 COFFEY, Q.C.:
2 Q. The first results came back the end of	2 Q. Now with respect to this
3 September from Mount Sinai.	3 THE COMMISSIONER:
4 MR. TILLEY:	4 Q. Sorry, but the thought is just in my head.
5 A. Right.	5 Mr. Tilley, at that stage, as Mr. Coffey has
6 COFFEY, Q.C.:	6 pointed out, some of the results were back.
7 Q. What were they doing? They got a list of	7 MR. TILLEY:
8 names, phone numbers. What was your	8 A. Yes.
9 understanding of what actually was happening?	9 THE COMMISSIONER:
10 MR. TILLEY:	Q. So were they being contacted in the same way
11 A. Well, I don't have any specific recollection	or were they being contacted depending on
of the actual conversations other than the	whether or not there had been a change in the
plan was that they would be calling people to	plan you outlined yesterday about some people
14 advise them.	who were negative were contacted.
15 COFFEY, Q.C.:	15 MR. TILLEY:
16 Q. Advise them how, and using what?	16 A. Right.
17 MR. TILLEY:	17 THE COMMISSIONER:
18 A. On the telephone.	18 Q. And remained negative were contacted in one
19 COFFEY, Q.C.:	19 way.
20 Q. Yes.	20 MR. TILLEY:
21 MR. TILLEY:	21 A. Right.
22 A. To advise them that their tests are being	22 THE COMMISSIONER:
23 repeated.	23 Q. Some people whose results had changed were
24 COFFEY, Q.C.:	24 contacted in another way
25 Q. Using a prepared script?	25 MR. TILLEY:
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2 A. I can't speak to that.	2 THE COMMISSIONER:
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1	were going to be forwarded to the most	1	Ο.	It seems to me it was a very complicated
2	appropriate attending physician. That	2		process in the sense of you would have those
3	subsequently changed as we discussed yesterday	3		persons whose samples had not even been sent
4	with the establishment of this tumor panel.	4		off.
5 TH	E COMMISSIONER:	5	MR. T	TILLEY:
6	Q. Okay.	6	A.	Yes.
	R. TILLEY:	7	THE (COMMISSIONER:
8	A. I understand that there were some people when	8	Q.	You would have people whose samples were sent
9	they first contacted, because the results had	9		off and not back. You would have people whose
10	been back, that had not actually been in	10		samples were off and back, some of whom would
11	receipt of the first call to say that your	11		have had negative results so their results
12	results had been sent off because the timing	12		would not have changed at all; others of whom
13	was overlapping.	13		would have had changes in results. So the
14 TH	E COMMISSIONER:	14		persons doing the calling or receiving the
15	Q. All right. You may not be the best person to	15		calling had to figure out in which category
16	answer this, but there are it seems to me a	16		all of these people would be found to discover
17	large number of possibilities here. Now at	17		the appropriate response presumably.
18	that stage, for example, when it first broke	18	MR. T	TILLEY:
19	and people starting thinking "am I in that	19	A.	Yes.
20	group, maybe I have or haven't gotten a	20	COFF	EY, Q.C.:
21	telephone call; if I call up and my results	21		And from your perspective, you've indicated
22	are back, does the person respond the results	22		the nitty-gritty of that you weren't familiar
23	are back and they've changed", or are those	23		with as to how that was being handled by the
24	people then told you'll get a call from	24		group tasked with doing it?
25	somebody else? What are they told?	25	MR. T	TILLEY:
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1 MF	R. TILLEY:	1	A.	That's correct.
2	A. I can just speak to my understanding of it.	2	COFI	FEY, Q.C.:
3 TH	E COMMISSIONER:	3	Q.	From your perspective, who would be the
4	Q. Uh-hm.	4		appropriate person to ask about that?
5 MF	R. TILLEY:	5	MR.	ΓΊLLEY:
6	A. If people had their results changed and they	6	A.	Well, it would be the Quality Initiatives
7	happen to call in	7		Department, so the Director, I suspect, would
8 TH	E COMMISSIONER:	8		be the appropriate one.
9	Q. Yes.	9	COFI	FEY, Q.C.:
10 MF	R. TILLEY:	10	Q.	Now, sir, a phone call, there can be
11	A. What they would likely say is that your	11		reasonable differences of opinion about how
12	information has been referred on to your	12		one might view that, but if someone was to
13	attending physician or at a later state the	13		call you and identify themselves as being from
14	tumor panel.	14		a hospital that you had dealt with, how would
15 TH	E COMMISSIONER:	15		you have any way of knowing, in fact, that the
16	Q. Okay, refresh my memory, when did the tumor	16		person is legitimate?

Q. Okay, refresh my memory, when did the tumor 16

17 panel come in existence?

18 COFFEY, Q.C.:

Q. October 11th/12th, around that time. 19

20 THE COMMISSIONER:

Q. So we're only talking about a week when that 21 22

would have been set.

23 COFFEY, Q.C.:

24 Q. Right.

25 THE COMMISSIONER:

A. Well, I presume that they would be able to say that you had had a test which would, I guess,

strengthen the possibility or likelihood that 20

21 it was a contact person, that they might have 22

had some detailed information about you which

23 would be specific.

24 COFFEY, Q.C.:

17 MR. TILLEY:

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25 Q. So, in effect, have to convince the person

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A. Oh, sorry, yes, that's a good point. My 9 recollection is it went out before the 10

11 telephone calls.

12 THE COMMISSIONER:

13 Q. So that if a physician, general physician had gotten an inquiry from a patient who had been 14

a cancer patient, that person already would 15

have received the information, would they? 16

17 MR. TILLEY:

A. That's my recollection. 18

19 COFFEY, Q.C.:

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Q. The notification to physicians occurred after 20

October 2, after it went public, within about 21

a week of that. There will be evidence. It

was around October 6th or 7th, Commissioner, 23

24 the letter is dated from Paul Gardiner, but it 25

wasn't seen fit to let the NLMA members know

readings from Mount Sinai, okay, you 9

understand that they were contacted then about 10

that by? 11

12 MR. TILLEY:

13 A. The team that had been put in place to make

14 that call.

15 COFFEY, O.C.:

O. And that consisted of?

17 MR. TILLEY:

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A. Well, the team would have been officials or 18

health care providers within the Department of

Quality Initiatives. I can't tell you whether 20

they would have seconded some other people in. 21

I also recall, though, that there were some

patients who had made contact with physicians

and may have gotten the results that way. So

there's a lot of information flow.

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1 COFFEY, Q.C.:	Boone's own view as to whether the retest
2 Q. Yeah, but somebody who didn't call their own	2 results coming back as 00? Mr. Boone suggests
3 physician about it, like, the results came	3 here when you read it that that is not good
4 back, I don't know, late September, and a	4 news for a patient because their hopes for
5 patient was in the group that was still 00, or	5 treatment possibilities will not be met.
6 was classified by Mount Sinai as 00, okay -	6 MR. TILLEY:
7 -	7 A. I'm reading it as there's a number of people
8 MR. TILLEY:	8 whose results are not going to change, but
9 A. Okay.	9 COFFEY, Q.C.:
10 COFFEY, Q.C.:	10 Q. Yes, notifying those people.
11 Q. Your understanding that that patient,	11 MR. TILLEY:
generally the plan was to have that patient	12 A. Yes, but going on to say notifying those
contacted by a patient relations officer?	people, you may be creating false expectations
14 MR. TILLEY:	that there's something more that can be done.
15 A. Well, a quality initiatives team member.	15 COFFEY, Q.C.:
16 COFFEY, Q.C.: 17 Q. Which would be, as likely as not, somebody	16 Q. Yes.
	17 MR. TILLEY:
with a nursing background? 19 MR. TILLEY:	18 A. Even though your results haven't changed. 19 COFFEY, Q.C.:
20 A. Yes.	20 Q. Even though your results haven't changed. Is
21 COFFEY, Q.C.:	21 that what you're
22 Q. Okay. Sir, do you know if there was any	22 MR. TILLEY:
thought given to any kind of scripted scenario	23 A. That's how I'm reading it, "Significant number
to deal with those patients? In other words,	of people whose results will not be changed".
25 a script the call would have to explain you're	25 COFFEY, Q.C.:
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1 00 and the significance?	1 Q. What was your understanding then of retest
2 MR. TILLEY:	2 results coming back confirming the original
3 A. I'm not familiar if there was.	ones? As a practical matter, what did that
4 COFFEY, Q.C.:	4 mean in most cases?
5 Q. On that point, if we could look at, please,	5 MR. TILLEY:
6 Exhibit P-092, which we have here. When you	6 A. That there would be no change in treatment.
7 read Mr. Boone's e-mail, read it carefully, he	7 COFFEY, Q.C.:
8 expresses his view that he doesn't agree with	8 Q. I take it, no further possible treatment? A
9 sending a letter at this time. "There are a	9 change in treatment usually means more
significant number of people whose results	treatment in this context.
will not be changed. Notifying these people	11 MR. TILLEY:
may be seen as raising their hopes for	12 A. Yes.
treatment possibilities". Now this in this	13 COFFEY, Q.C.:
context would be notifying the people whose	Q. So retests resulting in a confirmation of 00,
results ultimately will not change?	okay, your understanding was what? If a
16 MR. TILLEY:	patient was to be so advised of that, that
17 A. Right.	meant there was no further treatment option
18 COFFEY, Q.C.:	available based upon hormone status. Is that
19 Q. And he says, "May be seen" from his	19 your understanding?
20 perspective, "as raising their hopes for	20 MR. TILLEY:

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22 COFFEY, Q.C.:

- treatment possibilities".
- 22 MR. TILLEY:
- 23 A. Uh-hm.
- 24 COFFEY, Q.C.:
- Q. Now what does that suggest to you about Mr. 25

A. I can't say that with confidence.

knew about this.

Q. Okay. I'm trying to get some sense for the

Commissioner how much you, yourself, really

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1 MR. TILLEY:	1 MR. TILLEY:
2 A. Yeah. I mean, I was working on the basis that	2 A. That's correct.
3 if there was no change in the result, the	3 THE COMMISSIONER:
4 patient would be advised that there's no	4 Q. Now, was there ever any discussion about not
5 change in the result.	5 telling the patients whose tests were
6 COFFEY, Q.C.:	6 negative?
7 Q. And your understanding was that was good news	7 MR. TILLEY:
8 from the patient's perspective or not good	8 A. No.
9 news, or did you have any view?	9 THE COMMISSIONER:
10 MR. TILLEY:	10 Q. Okay. So, when the decision was made that
11 A. Well, my sense was that the information that	there would be no revelation until the results
had been provided on which their physicians	were back -
had made their original decision was still	13 MR. TILLEY:
14 holding, so there was simply from my	14 A. Yes.
perspective on this, no change to be expected	15 THE COMMISSIONER:
in the treatment.	16 Q am I safe in assuming that meant until
17 COFFEY, Q.C.:	everybody's results were back?
18 Q. And putting did you ever, yourself, try to	18 MR. TILLEY:
put yourself in the patient's shoes?	19 A. No.
20 MR. TILLEY:	20 THE COMMISSIONER:
21 A. I put myself in a patient's shoes every day	21 Q. Okay.
22 that I was in that organization, so to say	22 MR. TILLEY:
that I understood this issue and the	23 A. I was working on the assumption that as
24 intricacies of it would be a major	results came back, we would be making efforts
25 overstatement.	to communicate with the patients.
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1 MR. TILLEY:	1 THE COMMISSIONER:
2 A. Yes.	2 Q. So, you knew that you were going to get 900
3 COFFEY, Q.C.:	plus results back. You knew that that was
4 Q. So, in September, when the first of these came	4 going to be a lot of communication to a lot of
5 back -	5 people. So, my natural instinct, I suppose
6 MR. TILLEY:	6 would be to say that during that six to eight
7 A. Uh-hm.	7 weeks, there would have been a lot of
8 THE COMMISSIONER:	8 scrambling within the quality initiatives
9 Q which would have been prior to the story	9 division for the planning process of talking
actually breaking, would it not?	or sending information to these people.
11 MR. TILLEY:	11 MR. TILLEY:
12 A. Yes.	12 A. Yes.
13 THE COMMISSIONER:	13 THE COMMISSIONER:
Q. But by the time the story broke, you had not	14 Q. Now, at least in the information that I have
had this plan in operation for the purpose of	so far seen and there may be other information
telling everybody?	out there that I have not yet seen, so not to
17 MR. TILLEY:	pre-judge this kind of thing, but from what I
18 A. What changed after early October was that we	have so far seen, there's not a lot of
19 would actually go out and call patients in	indication that that was happening. Now, tell
advance to say that your results are being	me if I'm wrong and what was happening.
tested. The original plan had been to wait	21 MR. TILLEY:
until we had something to tell the patient	22 A. Commissioner, what I can speak to were the
about their results.	parameters that we were using in terms of the
24 THE COMMISSIONER:	intent of the communications. The actual
25 Q. Yes. No. I understand that, but I'm just	25 mechanics as to how that was going to be done
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trying to follow the sequence through. As you	in the quality initiatives department, I'm
2 point out, you thought that the results, in	2 really not in a position to speak to.
fact, would be back in the space of six to	3 THE COMMISSIONER:
4 eight weeks.	4 Q. Okay. So you knew the overall scheme, but the
5 MR. TILLEY:	5 nitty-gritty of how that was going to work or
6 A. Yes.	6 who was working on gathering the information
7 THE COMMISSIONER:	7 and all that sort of thing, you can't speak
8 Q. And therefore, you would be in a position to	8 to?
9 contact everyone within that timeframe.	9 MR. TILLEY:
10 MR. TILLEY:	10 A. No, Ma'am.
11 A. Yes.	11 THE COMMISSIONER:
12 THE COMMISSIONER:	12 Q. Okay. So, I should look to Ms. Pilgrim for
13 Q. So, if you believed the results would be back	13 that?
between six and eight weeks, I assume that	14 MR. TILLEY:
there was a great deal of planning which would	15 A. Well, she would be more familiar with it and
have taken place during the six to eight weeks	then, of course, the director that reported to
about the communication process, given your	17 her.
own plan.	18 THE COMMISSIONER:
19 MR. TILLEY:	19 Q. Okay, thank you. Sorry, Mr. Coffey, I done it
20 A. Uh-hm.	20 again.
21 THE COMMISSIONER:	21 COFFEY, Q.C.:
22 Q. Which was to notify only when results came	22 Q. No, no, Commissioner. Now, Mr. Tilley, on the
23 back.	point, you have told us, in fact, the first
24 MR. TILLEY:	day you testified, that afternoon, you told
25 A. Uh-hm.	25 the Commissioner that it was your view that if

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we can help even one patient, we will conduct	1 help them any further than we already have in
the retesting.	the past.
3 MR. TILLEY:	3 MR. TILLEY:
4 A. Right.	4 A. Not through this retesting process. That's
5 COFFEY, Q.C.:	5 correct.
6 Q. And you understood at the time, large scale	6 COFFEY, Q.C.:
retesting would be involved? Like hundreds?	7 Q. If we could back then to P-0092. Yes, it's on
8 MR. TILLEY:	8 the screen there now. And the third sentence
9 A. Hundreds.	9 of Mr. Boone's e-mail. "Notifying these
10 COFFEY, Q.C.:	people may be seen as raising their hopes for
11 Q. Yes. The idea being, I take it, if you	treatment possibilities". Notifying them that
retestif even on person's results were to	their results may, in future, change depending
change, you would be able to help them?	on what the retest says, he suggests that that
14 MR. TILLEY:	may be raising their hopes which is
15 A. Yes.	consistent with your suggestion that if we can
16 COFFEY, Q.C.:	help even one patient, we'll do the retesting.
17 Q. Suggesting that if the person'sby offering	17 MR. TILLEY:
18 further treatment.	18 A. Uh-hm.
19 MR. TILLEY:	19 COFFEY, Q.C.:
20 A. Yes.	Q. And where I'm going with this is this, did you
21 COFFEY, Q.C.:	have any understanding, having espoused the
22 Q. Suggesting that if a person's results did not	view that if we can help even one, we'll do
change, you would not be in a position to help	all the retesting, as to what position that
24 them.	put the patients whose results didn't change?
25 MR. TILLEY:	25 MR. TILLEY:
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1 A. Well, if the results had changed and that	1 A. No, I didn't know that issue.
2 information was the basis on which the	2 COFFEY, Q.C.:
3 clinician had made the decision, then my	3 Q. The fact that an informed patient or patient
4 assumption would be that wouldn't result in a	4 who was actually clinically aware of the fact
5 change in treatment.	5 the retest results not changing, the
6 COFFEY, Q.C.:	6 significance of being told that there are no
7 Q. You wouldn't be able to help them further,	7 further treatment options we can offer you in
8 right? For all the patients whose results	8 this regard, did that factor into the choice
9 didn't changeyou see, when you phrase	9 to use a patient relations offer to contact
something, if we can help even one patient,	those patients as opposed to a physician to
11 we'll do the retest.	contact the patients?
12 MR. TILLEY:	12 MR. TILLEY:
13 A. And that was clearly how we spoke about this.	13 A. No, I think that was more an issue of reality.
14 COFFEY, Q.C.:	The fact that we would be able to get enough
15 Q. What I'm getting at is this, is that that	physicians to start taking on this process, I
suggests, doesn't it, that if a test result or	suspect, would be fairly close to impossible.
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suggests, doesn't it, that if a test result or 17 more than one test result changes, we will be 18 able to help, we think we may be able to 19 further help patients whose results do change. That's correct, isn't it?

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21 MR. TILLEY:

22 A. Yes.

23 COFFEY, Q.C.:

24 Q. Suggesting that for the patients whose results 25 do not change, we will not be in a position to

18 Q. Now, if we could, please, Exhibit P-0359 19 please.

20 REGISTRAR:

17 COFFEY, Q.C.:

21 Q. I'm sorry, what was that number?

22 COFFEY, Q.C.:

Q. P-0359. I apologize, Registrar. Now, sir, 23 24 This is--on page 2 in the first of this e-mail 25 exchange from Carolyn Chaplin who is indicated

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to have an e-mail address for the governme	nt 1 COF	FEY, Q.C.:
2 of Newfoundland and Labrador at the time,	to 2 C	2. You'd agree with that. So, if the message was
3 yourself. Wednesday, October 19 at 210	01 3	being lost, I take it, that might be simply
hours, 2005, one minute after 9:00 p.m.	4	because people consciously chose not to get
5 "Subject, checking in. George, just checkin	g 5	the message out. That's entirely possible.
in to see how you're making out with the	6 MR.	TILLEY:
7 breast cancer retesting issue. It seems to be	7 A	A. Well, there could be a partial explanation.
8 really be sticking in the media. The media	. 8	Though it could also be that some of the
9 seems to be losing the message that work w	as 9	points that were being raised during those
ongoing behind the scenes while awaiting to	est 10	interviews weren't always covered.
results. Unfortunate it played out this way.	11 COF	FEY, Q.C.:
Hope all is well". And she goes on to talk	12 (2. And sir, if you look back here, your response
about the budget process. If I could, Ms.	13	to her later on that evening, you said in the
14 Chaplin at that point, you would have	14	second paragraph, "The lab issue was certainly
understood, was working where?	15	hanging on. We have had multiple discussions
16 MR. TILLEY:	16	about the path we took on this, still believe
17 A. I'm assuming she's moved on from the	e 17	it was in the best interest of the patient.
Department of Health and I see budget, so I	'm 18	Having said that, I think it is safe to say
just assuming she may be over in the	19	that it was a catch 22, not everyone would
Department of Finance.	20	agree in the end. I am somewhat disappointed
21 COFFEY, Q.C.:	21	with the Cancer Society comments. We have been
22 Q. Well, she's in the Confederation Building	g 22	briefing Peter Dawe, but it seems to have been
23 anyway.	23	of little benefit, at least from the media
24 MR. TILLEY:	24	perspective. Obviously, we are oversensitive
25 A. Yes.	25	and I recognize that everyone has a job to do.
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1 THE COMMISSIONER:		Unfortunately, the usual editing of the
2 Q. Well, there's a reference there to the point I	2	interviews that Bob Williams has done always
was raising with you earlier which is the wo		seems to cut some of the key messages short,
4 going on behind the scenes. But once again		so this weekend we will be putting ads in the
5 what she's referring to, I should ask somebo		various newspapers across the province
6 else.	6	explaining what this is all about. Tomorrow
7 MR. TILLEY:	7	we will start calling patients to advise where
8 A. I guess that would be related to pulling out	8	their specimen is in terms of the expected
9 the slides and the retesting that's been going		availability of the retest results, and in
on, external reviews that had been initiated.	10	some cases provide results where we have them.
Those are the sort of things that pop to my	11	I have talked to the CEO of Mount Sinai to see
mind.	12	if we can expedite the retesting process.
13 THE COMMISSIONER:	13	I've also started investigating where we can
14 Q. Right, thank you.	14	put this issue nationally since this appears
15 COFFEY, Q.C.:	15	to be more than a local problem. One of my
16 Q. Now, of course, to be fair to the media, at	16	CEO colleagues in Ontario, who is also an
the time time other than the initial week,	17	oncologist, told me earlier tonight it is a
during the week of October 2, 3 and 4, we h		grey test. On the budget issue, I'm feeling
seen e-mail yesterday where, at least, some		we are heading in the wrong direction. The
20 people within your own organization,	20	restructuring savings put forward by treasury
communications people and the Departmen		board are proving to be unrealistic, the
Health didn't seem all that interested, did	22	devolving of services from the department
they, in keeping the matter before the media		costly, and the typical annual growth in
24 MR. TILLEY:	24	health care costs are clearly out of reach.
25 A. Yes.	25	Getting savings from staff reductions seem

- impossible, particularly in the rural. I have
- a growing concern that the expectations for
- this organization are beyond reach. In any
- 4 event, we will continue to do our best." So
- 5 when you responded to Ms. Chaplin that
- 6 evening, they're frank comments, aren't they?
- 7 MR. TILLEY:
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 COFFEY, Q.C.:
- 10 Q. And I'm going to suggest to you at the time
- they were honest comments? They were your
- 12 honest views at the time?
- 13 MR. TILLEY:
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 COFFEY, Q.C.:
- 16 Q. Now, you had mentioned the conversation with
- the CEO of Eastern Health, you had mentioned
- the oncologist colleague, this Dr. Bell, isn't
- it, I believe?
- 20 MR. TILLEY:
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 MR. SIMMONS:
- 23 Q. the CEO of Mount Sinai?
- 24 COFFEY, Q.C.:
- Q. No. The CEO of Mount Sinai is there, but as
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- well, the oncologist as well that Mr. Simmons
- is referencing in the same paragraph?
- 3 MR. TILLEY:
- 4 A. I think you had said CEO of Eastern Health.
- 5 COFFEY, Q.C.:
- 6 Q. I apologize, I apologize. CEO of Mount Sinai
- 7 and the CEO--you'd hardly have a conversation
- 8 with yourself.
- 9 MR. TILLEY:
- 10 A. I've had many of those.
- 11 COFFEY, Q.C.:
- 12 Q. Although, perhaps you have. Perhaps you've
- certainly felt like it.
- 14 MR. TILLEY:
- 15 A. More than I'd like to acknowledge.
- 16 COFFEY, O.C.:
- 17 Q. Yes. And the colleague, though, in Ontario,
- Dr. Bell, the oncologist is referred to there.
- And again, this will help the Commissioner put
- 20 this in some kind of temporal context.
- 21 MR. TILLEY:
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 COFFEY, Q.C.:
- 24 Q. Okay. In terms of the budgetary issues, now
- being CEO of Eastern Health is behind you now,

you've made these comments in October, you're

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- 2 about six months into the job, I suppose, as
- 3 CEO?
- 4 MR. TILLEY:
- 5 A. Well, I wouldn't say it's behind me.
- 6 COFFEY, Q.C.:
- 7 Q. Behind you, well, I suppose you -
- 8 MR. TILLEY:
- 9 A. (Unintelligible) but -
- 10 COFFEY, Q.C.:
- 11 Q. But behind you in the sense of, you know,
- you've moved out of the position, you've moved
- 13 on.
- 14 MR. TILLEY:
- 15 A. I'm sorry. Moved from -
- 16 COFFEY, Q.C.:
- 17 Q. No, the CEO of Eastern Health -
- 18 MR. TILLEY:
- 19 A. the Health Care Corporation.
- 20 COFFEY, Q.C.:
- 21 Q. No, the Health Care--no, not so much at this
- time, is you were six months--I'm talking now
- as we sit here now, as you sit here now.
- 24 MR. TILLEY:
- 25 A. You mean today?
- 1 COFFEY, Q.C.:
 - Q. I'm asking the question in this context.
 - 3 MR. TILLEY:
 - 4 A. Okay.
 - 5 COFFEY, Q.C.:
 - 6 Q. Looking back at your comment then -
 - 7 MR. TILLEY:
 - 8 A. Oh, yes.
 - 9 COFFEY, Q.C.:
 - 10 Q. in the fall of October, '05, did really
 - while you were there, did anything--your views
 - there change at all?
- 13 THE COMMISSIONER:
- 14 Q. Mr. Coffey, I'm not sure what you're asking
- the witness.
- 16 COFFEY, Q.C.:
- 17 Q. Okay, I apologize. Here's what I'm getting
- at, I'm sorry, Commissioner.
- 19 THE COMMISSIONER:
- 20 O. Views about what?
- 21 COFFEY, Q.C.:
- Q. About finance.
- 23 THE COMMISSIONER:
- 24 Q. Okay.
- 25 COFFEY, Q.C.:

Page 77 Page 79 Q. And the collapsing of--okay. Q. Finance, the financing. Because you're 1 2 telling Carolyn Chaplin, they're asking for 2 MR. TILLEY: money that we can't--savings we can't provide? A. So with the budget exceeding \$900 million and 3 3 having the Health Care Corporation comprised 4 MR. TILLEY: 4 approximately half, give or take a few tens of 5 A. Yes. This could take another two weeks on the 5 millions, then the question was where am I Inquiry. 6 7 COFFEY, O.C.: going to find the savings. There was an 7 expectation even before, well, maybe it was in Q. Okay. But -8 January, before we officially became 9 MR. TILLEY: 9 A. Let me give you my opinion. appointed, that work had been done, I'm 10 10 thinking it was in the treasury board. They 11 COFFEY, Q.C.: 11 would have access to all of the positions that 12 Q. Sure. 12 13 MR. TILLEY: each of these organizations had in place. So 13 they were making decisions as to what 14 A. When I was first appointed and the other chief 14 executive officers of the other three health positions could be cut out and so on, 15 15 16 authorities were appointed, there were a particularly in the administrative area. So I 16 number of conversations that we had with both looked at it, I knew very little about the 17 17 the deputy minister and the secretary of other half of this organization, which really 18 18 treasury board, and those discussions were spread over six other entities. And I 19 19 remember saying to the deputy that, "Look, I around the savings that each of the four 20 20 organizations were expected to deliver on. can't say if this expectation that you have to 21 21 be able to cut," can't remember the exact 22 COFFEY, Q.C.: 22 figure, but eight to ten million dollars sort Q. Um-hm. 23 23 of sticks in my mind, "is an easy one or an 24 MR. TILLEY: 24 impossible one. I just don't have the 25 A. At that point in time having five years in the 25 Page 78 Page 80 capacity of chief executive officer of the information on which to base that." Clearly 1 1 2 Health Care Corporation of St. John's during 2 there is a evolution that happens when you 3 which time we had gone through several reviews restructure organizations, and part of that 3 and what I felt was an admirable effort on the evolution is upfront if there was a need to 4 4 5 part of the Health Care Corporation of St. 5 make change happen, you needed to have a lot John's team to identify savings, a lot of of resources at your disposal to make that 6 6 7 which were along the lines of improving 7 happen. Because it was not simply bringing clinical efficiency, which means reducing the five or seven identical organizations 8 8 9 number of days that a patient may need to stay together. While they were all in the health 9 in an in-patient bed, shifting services away care system, they were all very different, not 10 10 particularly so or just only so in terms of 11 from the in-patient population to an 11 12 outpatient setting which allows you their mandates, but all of the systems issues, 12 effectively to reduce the number of our beds all of the policies, how they do their 13 13 and associated staff. We had trimmed down the accounting, you know, it was a massive 14 14 15 number of managers beyond which I was really process. So I guess by this time, which is 15 feeling comfortable about. So to have to go six months into the role, I still hadn't seen 16 16 17 into a situation now where there was a whole 17 a way to achieve the original targets that were being put on me. new expectation that this had to be shrunk 18 18 19 even further. 19 COFFEY, Q.C.: Q. Did you ever--my question really was did you 20 COFFEY, O.C.: 20 ever see a way? 21 Q. And this is in context, the situation you're 21 22 talking about is Eastern Health? 22 MR. TILLEY: 23 MR. TILLEY: A. After having gone through the Health Care 23 Corporation we started feeling in year seven A. That's correct. 24 24 25 COFFEY, O.C.: 25 or eight the organization starting to feel

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1	like it was coming together and that we were	1		board are proving to be unrealistic." Did you
2	talking the same language. So I would often	2		ever actually meet them, those restructuring
3	think about that experience in terms of	3		savings?
4	whether it would be equated here. This one			TILLEY:
5	was even more complex because we were dealing	5		The actual specific cost reduction factors
6	more than just hospitals, we were taking on a	6		that they had, my recollection is, no, we did
7	much larger continuum of care, plus we had a	7		not.
8	rural element that I certainly had not had any			FEY, Q.C.:
9	exposure to up until that point in time.	9		. Okay.
1	COFFEY, Q.C.:	'		TILLEY:
11	Q. So what I'm asking you is you stayed until the	11		Certainly not within the time parameters that
12	summer of '07, okay. You had said to Ms.	12		they had been looking for.
13	Chaplin that evening, "We are heading in the			FEY, Q.C.:
14	wrong direction", at least in your view. Did	14		. Okay.
15	you continue to head in the wrong direction,			TILLEY:
16	from your perspective now, in terms of what	16		Now, it's been nearly a year since I've been
17	you're talking about here?	17		out of the organization -
1	MR. TILLEY:			FEY, Q.C.:
19	A. Well, I don't think anything has changed.	19		Sure.
1	There are a few larger organizations in this		-	
20				TILLEY: so maybe they've pulled some miracles off
21	country, so the size can be said to be	21		since then.
22	manageable, but there's a lot of support	22		
23	systems that would need to be in place to			FEY, Q.C.:
24	really insure that that works appropriately.	24		But from the perspective at the time, and this
25	I think there was a particular challenge when	25		is what I'm getting at, Mr. Tilley, is is
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1	you have an organization that has both	1		this, is is that you're getting pressure,
2	tertiary responsibilities and rural	2		financial pressure or pressure to keep costs
3	responsibilities because of having the	3		down or to lower costs in certain areas,
4	responsibility to be making decisions as to	4		you've told the Commissioner that. In terms
5	how much do you invest in a service that's	5		of that, I mean, did you push back with
6	needed for the whole province versus having to	6		treasury board and tell them, "Look, it's just
7	make a decision as to whether the weight of a	7		not doable."?
8	particular service in a smaller community	8		TILLEY:
9	would outweigh the provincial issues.	9		We had that ongoing conversation particularly
1	COFFEY, Q.C.:	10		with officials in the Department of Health.
11	Q. Yeah.			FEY, Q.C.:
1	MR. TILLEY:	12		Okay. And I take it then that this wasn't a
13	A. And once you get into the rural areas, there's	13		new experience, this had been going on for
14	another element that enters into your decision	14		years, this kind of pressure to reduce costs
15	making, and that can be the fact that some of	15		and the resistance from people such as
16	these facilities become your or are your only	16		yourself saying, "No, you know, there's only
17	employer. So there's one element of the	17		so far we can go." Is that -
18	health care and there's another element of			TILLEY:
19	employment.	19		That would be a very accurate statement.
1	COFFEY, Q.C.:			FEY, Q.C.:
21	Q. So with respect to here you've referred to the	21		Sure. If we could, please, Exhibit P-093?
22	typical annual growth in health care costs,	22		Actually, I apologize, could we just go back
23	bearing that in mind, and the devolving of	23		to P-0144, please? I apologize, Commissioner.
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P-0144. Just on this--scroll down the page a

bit here. Thank you. Mr. Tilley, two other

services from the department is costly. "The

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1 things I wanted to ask	you about here. You've	1		we talk about that yesterday?	
2 written back to Ms		2	COFFE	Y, Q.C.:	
3 "Unfortunately, the u	sual editing of the	3	Q.	Yes, well he e-mailed you at various times,	
4 interviews."	-	4		yes.	
5 MR. TILLEY:		5	MR. TI	LLEY:	
6 A. Um-hm.		6	A.	Yes. So, you know, Peter Dawe was well known	
7 COFFEY, Q.C.:		7		to me and you referenced yesterday or reminded	
8 Q. "Bob Williams has de	one always seem to cut	8		me that he was actually on the board of	
9 short some"I'm sorry	y, "to cut some of the	9		directors of the Health Care Corporation of	
10 key messages short."	So I take it you were	10		St. John's, so having a telephone conversation	
11 acutely aware long bef	fore ER/PR came up that	11		with him would not be unrealistic or	
12 media editing of inte	erviews can cut key	12		unexpected. Dr. Williams, I'm not sure at	
messages short?		13		what point in time, had started to have some	
14 MR. TILLEY:		14		dialogue with Mr. Dawe so that we could keep	
15 A. Yes.		15		him informed with regards to things that were	
16 COFFEY, Q.C.:		16		happening. So my assumption by that time is	
17 Q. And you've point out,	"So this weekend," which	17		that perhaps Mr. Dawe was making some comments	8
would be presumably	the weekend following	18		and that, you know, maybe the briefings were	
October 19th, be the w	reekend probably of the	19		not as valuable as we thought they were going	
20 22nd of October, yo	ou're going to run	20		to be. But I just went on to say that, you	
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1		22		because this is an issue that's important to	
1	dn't have the ads ready	23		us and it really would be unrealistic to think	
to go on October 2?		24		that Mr. Dawe, as an advocacy group, is going	
25 MR. TILLEY:		25		to come out and say, "Well, look, I'm	
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3	interested in drawing attention to the issue,		3 A. Excuse me, what -
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11	the middle of October publicly that there's a		1 MR. TILLEY:
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13	Health about this issue, that's not surprising	13	3 COFFEY, Q.C.:
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19	Q. Yes. What was the point of having Mr. Dawe	19	9 conclude that next week." Okay?
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23	for some more information at one point in time	23	
24	and I had asked or referred, I may have even	24	*
25	met with him with Dr. Williams at one point in	25	contact the individual patients? Because
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19 a.m. that morning to yourself and Ms. Dawe on

the same subject saying, "Ms. Dawe, we are 20 dealing with this now. If this about ER and 21

22 PR Anne will not be going." Presumably that's

Anne Kearney. "I'll send you an update." And 23 I just read you the update. And a predecessor 24

25 message, finally. Her response to Ms. Dawe Health was if it's about ER and PR, no one

15 will be going?

16 MR. TILLEY:

17 A. No.

18 COFFEY, Q.C.:

Q. Is that -

20 MR. TILLEY:

21 A. No, I can't say that because I seem to 22 remember discussions about having physicians on Crosstalk or something. I can't remember 23 exactly, but I suspect that Anne herself would 24 25 have been very uncomfortable if that was the

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1 issue.	1	place, we'll take the morning break.
2 COFFEY, Q.C.:	2	COFFEY, Q.C.:
3 Q. Yeah. How about at that point in time, v		Q. If I could, pleaseyes, please, Commissioner,
4 was the organization's attitude overall, fr		we'll break now. Thank you.
5 your perspective, to being involved in m		THE COMMISSIONER:
6 discussions about it?	6	Q. Fifteen minutes.
7 MR. TILLEY:	7	(RECESS)
8 A. Well, generally speaking the whole conc		THE COMMISSIONER:
9 approaching the patients was where we	-	Q. Mr. Coffey.
putting a lot of the energy, one-on-on		COFFEY, Q.C.:
contact, follow-up with the individual		Q. Thank you, Commissioner. If I could, Exhibit
patients. The idea of thinking about wha		P-0363, please? Now, Mr. Tilley, this is an
organization's role was vis-a-vis the me		e-mail from Peter Dawe, October 20th, 2005 at
was that that was a secondary issue and		3:58 p.m., it's to Susan Bonnell, but it's
primary issue was a direct contact.	15	copied to yourself and Dr. Robert Williams and
16 COFFEY, Q.C.:	16	the subject is "Media Coverage". And he says,
		after greeting Susan he says, "Just to let you
		know that the interview with me that ran on
18 now.	18	
19 MR. TILLEY: 20 A. Yes.	19	The National last night was taped on Monday
	20	morning." And I point out this is Thursday, this e-mail is. "I understand that there is
21 COFFEY, Q.C.:	21	
Q. You're about to buy, you're buying them		some-there was," sorry, "some concern about
23 MR. TILLEY:	23	my call for more direct information. After
24 A. Right.	24	speaking with Bob Williams late yesterday
25 COFFEY, Q.C.:	25	afternoon I am pleased to hear that Eastern
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1 Q. So certainly contact through the media	with 1	Health will be having direct contact with all
2 patients -	2	the women who are being retested. Any
3 MR. TILLEY:	3	prospectus put forward by me on this topic
4 A. Right. I didn't say -	4	have been reflective of the feedback CCS is
5 COFFEY, Q.C.:	5	receiving from the public. I believe that is
6 Q. And complaining -	6	the role of this organization." So, Mr.
7 MR. TILLEY:	7	Tilley, I take it that e-mail, in fact,
8 A it was a non-issue, I was saying it was	a 8	reflects what I was suggesting to you before
9 secondary issue.	9	the break, which was is that it wasn't
10 COFFEY, Q.C.:	10	surprising that as up to this point individual
11 Q. Okay. And you're complaining about the	ne fact 11	women had not been contacted about this?
the media are cutting off the key messa	iges 12	MR. TILLEY:
that Dr. Williams was trying to get out?	13	A. No, that's correct, sir.
14 MR. TILLEY:	14	COFFEY, Q.C.:
15 A. Yes.	15	Q. It's not surprising that he was complaining
16 COFFEY, Q.C.:	16	about it. And he was now thanking you -
17 Q. So wouldn't it have made more sense	e to 17	MR. TILLEY:
actually be more engaged with the media		A. Um-hm.
19 time?		COFFEY, Q.C.:
20 MR. TILLEY:	20	Q. Or thanking Susan and yourself and Dr.
21 A. Looking back, Mr. Coffey, I can't disagr		Williams for having taken that step to have
22 COFFEY, Q.C.:	22	direct contact.
23 Q. Um-hm.	23	If we could, please, Exhibit P-0364 and
24 THE COMMISSIONER:	24	this, I'm sorry, I identify this now,
25 Q. Mr. Coffey, whenever you can find a cor		Commissioner, because Mr. Tilley has referred

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1	to this series of conversations earlier. Now	1	was starting to learn and I have to refer back
2	this is an e-mail from yourself, Thursday,	2	to the literature.
3	October 20th, 2005 at 4:08 p.m. to Robert	3 COF	FEY, Q.C.:
4	Bell. You've copied it to Bob Williams and	4 Q.	. Yes.
5	this evidences or thanks him for the	5 MR.	TILLEY:
6	opportunity he took to speak with you about	6 A.	. That was setting a context for me and trying
7	the matter. And you've already described for	7	to understand how was it that the research
8	us what went on, I take it, in that	8	from the Europeans and the Americans had not
9	conversation. This is this oncologist?	9	seen to be widespread in the Canadian context.
10	MR. TILLEY:	10	So here I was trying to figure out, well who
11	A. Yes.	11	would be responsible for putting in the types
12	COFFEY, Q.C.:	12	of standards or the accreditation process that
13	Q. He does say or you do say there, "Our	13	would appropriately address this process? So
14	laboratory clinical chief"and I'll just	14	I was calling people that I had known in the
15	scroll down a tiny bit, it's the second last	15	past -
16	paragraph, Commissioner"will be contacting	16 COF	FEY, Q.C.:
17	the two individuals you've referenced to also	17 Q.	. Go ahead, sir. I am certainly listening, you
18	see what insight they can offer in terms of	18	go right ahead.
19	national follow. It appears that there's a	19 MR.	TILLEY:
20	gap in terms of a national entity that can	20 A.	. I have no doubt of that. The Canadian
21	take the lead with this issue, so we will	21	Pathologists Association comes to mind. I
22	likely have to take a shotgun approach to the	22	think I might have even referenced the
23	follow up and hope that there is someone who	23	Canadian Oncologists Association at one point
24	can keep it moving. In the meantime, we will	24	in time, now I don't know if they would have
25	write the Canadian Association of Pathologists	25	been intricately involved in the standards for
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1	and others that we may subsequently identify.	1	lab process, but I'm sure they would have an
2	I will also seek Phil's help at the CPSI."	2	interest in the outcome, recognizing the
3	And that's Phil Hassen?	3	importance with which they attribute the
	MR. TILLEY:	4	accuracy of those tests.
5	A. Yes.		FEY, Q.C.:
	COFFEY, Q.C.:		See, on that point, Mr. Tilley, as you've
7	Q. The clinical laboratoryI'm sorry, laboratory	7	pointed out here in your e-mail to Dr. Bell
8	clinical chief would be Dr. Cook?	8	that, you know, as a member of the board of
1	MR. TILLEY:	9	the Canadian Patient Safety Institute and you
10	A. Yes. Sorry, I thought you were reading them	10	refer to that, your board membership before.
11	all.		TILLEY:
1	COFFEY, Q.C.:		Yes.
13	Q. No, and Dr. Bell had in fact given you the		FEY, Q.C.:
14	names of two individuals, two doctors, in		Then went back to 2003 or so and it continued
15	fact.	15	on beyond this point, you were on the board
	MR. TILLEY:	16	for quite awhile.
17	A. He had, yes.		TILLEY:
	COFFEY, Q.C.:		Three to four years.
19	Q. And you passed those on. Thisyour reference		FEY, Q.C.:
20	to "there's a gap in terms of a national		Three to four years, yes, but in '05 you've
21	entity that can take the lead with this	20 Q.	been on the board for about a couple of years
	that y that can take the load with this	21	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

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and as a board member, I take it, that you

were surprised, bearing in mind the kind of

exposure that would give you to the idea of

patient safety and standards, presumably, is

issue", what were you talking about there?

A. The whole issue with regards to standards for

the processing of this particular test. As I

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23 MR. TILLEY:

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it fair to say that you were surprised in the	1 THE COMMISSIONER:
2 summer and fall of '05 as to the fact that you	2 Q. No, it may have been my take on it.
3 couldn't find any standards?	3 MR. TILLEY:
4 MR. TILLEY:	4 A. Because I'm not one that can easily interpret
5 A. Yes, I was surprised.	5 a clinical issue, but a lot of the things that
6 COFFEY, Q.C.:	6 I took away from what was in the research is
7 Q. Yeah.	7 the inability of a lot of organizations who
8 THE COMMISSIONER:	8 are actually doing these tests to feel
9 Q. I'm sorry, Mr. Tilley, was the implication of	9 confident that they're doing it accurately;
what you said that you believed that there	and secondly, because of that, the value or
were standards in Europe and in elsewhere, but	the appropriateness or the weight that you
they were not here because that's not what I	would put in that particular test, in terms of
understood from what you were saying	making the overall decision about a treatment
14 yesterday.	14 plan.
15 MR. TILLEY:	15 THE COMMISSIONER:
16 A. No, the issue in Europe was about the	16 Q. Okay, so the problem that you were referring
literature, about the problems of these tests	to that they at least were discussing in
18 and -	Europe, by the fact that it turned up in the
19 THE COMMISSIONER:	literature, was the problem of standards, a
20 Q. Yes, that's what you said yesterday.	standard approach to doing the test?
21 MR. TILLEY:	21 MR. TILLEY:
22 A. And there was similar research that I was	22 A. Well, just one step before that, was just
that I had heard about that was suggesting	23 talking about the variations that were
similar findings, but there was nothing that	24 occurring across Canada in the labs to
was being brought to my attention to say that	25 actually be able to consistently deliver or to
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this actually was getting the same amount of	deliver a consistent outcome on these tests.
2 attention in Canada. And I kept hearing these	There were references that I have a vague
words about no national standards here.	3 recollection about, suggesting that one third
4 Ontario was the only place, I learned that	of the labs weren't able to accurately come up
subsequent or in the middle of all this, that	5 with tests that were supposed to be in a
6 seemed to have moved itself out of the	6 certain range or another case, 62 percent of
7 national scene and gone on its own with	the labs couldn't accurately identify a result
8 regards to putting in an accreditation	8 that fell into another particular range, so it
9 program, but other than that, there was	9 seemed to me that there was a lot more
nothing that was suggesting that this would be	attention being paid to the limitations of the
the appropriate way to perform this particular	labs in the European context. I can't speak
12 test.	with confidence with regard to whether the
13 THE COMMISSIONER:	next step for them was that they put in all
14 Q. Just once again, just for the purpose of	the standards. What I can do is jump to the
making sure that I am clear. When I was	15 Canadian scene and then the reality that I was
listening to your commentary yesterday about	being told is that there's no standards in the
the research, you referred specifically to	Canadian scene that applies to this particular
Europe and the problems with the test. I	test and how it should be managed or
thought you were in effect saying there were	19 processed.
questions in Europe about the validity of the	20 COFFEY, Q.C.:
test as an indicator of the presence of ER and	21 Q. Okay. Exhibit P-0365 please? Now this, Mr.
PR. Did I misunderstand you? Were you saying	Tilley, is an e-mail, October 20th, 2005 at
23 something else?	4:10 p.m. to Kenneth Pritzker who was at Mount
24 MR. TILLEY:	24 Sinai and it's Dr. Pritzker, actually, and
25 A. Madam Commissioner, I apologize if -	25 it's copied to Bob Williams. The subject is

Page 110 ERPR testing and again you wanted to thank him for having talked with you that morning. and to have thanked him for being able to get some advice from him. You did, you conclude the or-mail by saying in the second sentence of the last paragraph, "There appears that there is a gap in terms of a national entity who can take the lead on this issue." And this is again, you're repeating to Dr. Pritzker the some acomment in effect you had made to Dr. Bell. 2 MR. TILLEY: 17 A Dr. Pritzker you had spoken to why? 18 MR. TILLEY: 19 my telephone log would be able to help us with that 2 COFFFY, Q.C.: 21 Q. Sure, that was back in the summer, in fact, as 22 it back in the summer or—I apologize, I 23 it back in the summer or—I apologize, I 24 shouldn't have said - 25 Q. The fall, I apologize, yes. Same day, actually, you had phoned him the same day. To Ther's a phone call referenced here that you told both of them that morning. WR. TILLEY: Page 110 A I'm thinking it was more in the fall. COFFFY, Q.C. 2 Q. U'll Could, just so you're not confused, I do me— Page 110 A COFFFY, Q.C. 12 Q. H'I could, just so you're not confused, I do me— Page 112 Sink and May, yes. Page 110 A COFFFY, Q.C. 13 Q. H'll could, just so you're not confused, I do me— Page 112 Sink I had called him earlier wand before you ever phoned him here in October. 10 MR. TILLEY: Page 110 A I'm thinking it was more in the fall. COFFFY, Q.C. 12 Q. H'l could, just so you're not confused, I do me— Reference here that you told both of them that morning. A Okay, thank you. Mr. Simmons. He had said to me— Page 112 Same rule, a continued, I do me— Page 112 Same rule, a continued, I do me— Page 112 Same rule, a continued, I do me— Page 112 Same rule, a continued, I do me— Page 112 Same rule, a continued, I do me— Page 112 Same rule, a continued, I do me— Page 112 Same rule, a continued, I do me— Page 112 Same rule, a continued, I do me— Page 112 Same rule, a continued in the reacons of the right thing and I still believe it was the right thing and	April 18, 2008 Muli	u-Page inquiry on Hormone Receptor Testing
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1 A. Okay.	1	1		think it's better that Anne Kearney is there
2 COFFEY, Q.C.:	2	2		re-directing the topic back to breast
3 Q. As it turns out, the name or one of the na	imes 3	3		screening." I appreciated your comment that
4 is of an individual who worked in the	ne 4	4		ER/PR is not Anne Kearney's area of expertise,
5 institution that Dr. Pritzker worked in	as 5	5		okay.
6 well.	ϵ	5 M	R. TI	LLEY:
7 MR. TILLEY:	7	7	A.	Uh-hm.
8 A. Oh, okay.	8	3 C	OFFE	Y, Q.C.:
9 COFFEY, Q.C.:	9)	Q.	But this is not so much saying that as is it
10 Q. And that would be a Dr. O'Malley. If we	could 10)		says it's better to have her there because she
please, Exhibit P-0366, this is an e-mail	from 11	1		can keep Peter Dawe and Anne Budgell off the
12 yourself to Philip Hassen who is with C	PSI, 12	2		topic as much as possible. That's what that
you've told us, October 20th, 2005, 4:17	p.m. 13	3		says, doesn't it?
14 It's copied to Bob Williams and you say		4 M	R. TI	LLEY:
Phil, sorry I wasn't able to connect with	•	5		Yes, but I'm not sure that that's the way I
earlier" and you talk about your connects	_	5		would have expected it to unfold. Anne
communication with Bob Bell and other		7		Kearney is there as an expert in breast
reported in the media. And you conclude		3		screening and -
"In the meantime, the only plan we have) C		SY, Q.C.:
20 this time is to write the Canadian Associ				But this says, doesn't it, look, if we don't
of Pathologists. Other suggestions wou		l		send her, Anne Kearney, Peter Dawe and Anne
welcomed. I have attached my e-mail t				Budgell will be on period about ER/PR, I mean,
Bell", you were forwarding that to Pl				that's what that says, that last paragraph.
24 Hassen.				LLEY:
25 MR. TILLEY:	25	5	A.	Well I guess their ability to talk about the
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1 A. Okay.	1			breast screening issue is going to be
2 COFFEY, Q.C.:	2			significantly limited and if the issue were to
3 Q. So from your perspective, I take it that y	I			still go ahead, then it's only issues that Mr.
4 had contacted whom you could and was	- 1	4		Dawe would be able to bring forward.
in step or setting in motion steps to have				Y, Q.C.:
6 Canadian Association of Pathologists	_			Would be the ER and PR. And which he had been
7 involved.	7			in the media very recently then talking about,
8 MR. TILLEY:	8			correct?
9 A. I mean, that was becoming the most c				LLEY:
spoken about organization that cou				Uh-hm. Yes, sir.
potentially take leadership here.				Y, Q.C.:
12 COFFEY, Q.C.:	12			Now as it turns out, exhibit P-0367, you did
Q. Sir, if we could please, Exhibit P-0367,				on October 20th at 4:26 p.m. send Mr. Dawe an
you will recall that in looking at exhibit				e-mail, copied it to Bob Williams and Susan
15 0361 there was the exchange between your sharp Paragall and Ma. Lagar Paragalland				Bonnell. Subject was media coverage and you
Susan Bonnell and Ms. Joan Dawe abou	t whether 16)		said, "Peter, I did pick up pieces of the

Susan Bonnell and Ms. Joan Dawe about whether 16 17 or not Anne Kearney would participate in a 18 crosstalk show. If we could just bring up, 19 please, P-0361 again, I apologize. The expression by Susan Bonnell there in the 11:50 20 21 a.m. e-mail, "We talked about the possibility 22 of pulling out of the interview, but I feel 23 that if we do that, Peter and Anne Budgell 24 will have no motivation to stay away from the 25 issue"--which is the ER/PR issue. "And I

said, "Peter, I did pick up pieces of the 16 17 Crosstalk Show, I was certainly appreciative 18 of how you balanced the issue and stressed the 19 message that we were all looking out for the 20 best interest of the patients." Signed 21 George. So I take it that ER/PR was discussed 22 on that Crosstalk Show? 23 MR. TILLEY: 24 A. I have no recollection, but I'm thinking that 25 that message would imply that it had been

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3 Q. And your statement here that you were	that would speak to the issue, that would feel
4 certainly appreciative of how Peter had	4 confident speaking to the issue, then that
5 balanced the issue and stressed the message	5 wouldn't have been prohibited.
6 that "we" were all looking out for the best	6 COFFEY, Q.C.:
7 interest of the patients, was your expression	7 Q. But you did not, I take it, encourage anybody
8 there, was that sincere?	8 to speak to the media?
9 MR. TILLEY:	9 MR. TILLEY:
10 A. Yes, I wouldn't have recorded it if it wasn't.	10 A. I can't say with confidence that I did.
11 COFFEY, Q.C.:	11 COFFEY, Q.C.:
Q. And with respect to Ms. Bonnell, as we've seen	Q. So you, in effect, acquiesced in Susan's
certain e-mails already and some of them are	13 approach?
in fact directed to you or copied to you	14 MR. TILLEY:
involving Ms. Bonnell during this timeframe.	15 A. That could be the case.
Did you ever take up with her the issue of,	16 THE COMMISSIONER:
look, Susan, why are you trying to minimize	17 Q. And when you speak about a certification
this, keep us out of the media on this issue?	process, you're talking about the class
19 MR. TILLEY:	19 action, are you?
20 A. We would have had several discussions about	20 MR. TILLEY:
21 media attention for this. I can't imagine	21 A. Yes.
that I wouldn't have had a discussion about	22 COFFEY, Q.C.:
what would be the best media approach. I	23 Q. If we could, please, Exhibit P-0368 and Mr.
think at that point in time there was clearly	24 Tilley, just to, for the Commissioner's
a lot of things happening. We had done	benefit, in the middle of that page, this is a
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interviews, we had put out advertisements.	1 series of e-mails involving yourself, but
2 COFFEY, Q.C.:	2 there's on there in the middle of the page
3 Q. Well the advertisement was just going here at	from Dr. Robert Bell to you, it's copied to
4 this point.	4 Dr. Bruce Youngston and Dr. Frances O'Malley.
5 MR. TILLEY:	5 You'll note that, I think Dr. Youngston is the
6 A. Yes, I'm sorry, advertisement going out, so	6 university health network and Dr. O'Malley at
7 again, trying to place together a major issue	7 Mount Sinai. The e-mail is October 23rd,
8 here was a challenge.	8 2005, 9:43 p.m. or 2143 hours. He writes to
9 COFFEY, Q.C.:	9 you, "Thanks George, the two individuals with
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· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	the most expertise around ER testing in
wanted, if it could, to kind of fade from the	Toronto are Drs. Frances O'Malley and Dr.
12 public eye?	Bruce Youngson. Bruce and Frances"I presume
13 MR. TILLEY:	this is because it's being copied to them,
14 A. I took a position when we were into late '96	these comments are directed to them"Bruce
15 sometime when there was -	and Frances, you have probably heard about the
16 COFFEY, Q.C.:	issue of retesting breast cancer specimens in
17 Q. I'm sorry, late?	17 Newfoundland. Some ER negative specimens have
18 MR. TILLEY:	been reinterpreted as positive. The chief of
19 A. Sorry, 2006.	pathology from Newfoundland may contact you as
20 COFFEY, Q.C.:	20 to any advice regarding reliability of ER
Q. This is '05 now, this is in October of '05.	21 testing. Thanks, Bob." So this is the two
Loo AND WILLESS	1
22 MR. TILLEY:	22 individuals that -
23 A. But in 2006 when we were getting close to	22 individuals that - 23 MR. TILLEY:

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1 Q. Is this the two that -		hil, the media associated with
2 MR. TILLEY:		have levelled off, but needless
3 A. Yes.		dual patients are anxious to
4 COFFEY, Q.C.:	4 reaffirm the	•
5 Q. In terms of the clinical chief. Becauseand		about having asked the Canadian
6 I take it you would have left it to your	_	of Pathologists to put this on
7 clinical chief to follow up with, as he saw		for their November board meeting
8 fit with -	1	ef of lab medicine is contacting
9 MR. TILLEY:	· 1	als that Bob Bell had referenced
10 A. Yes.		into a wait and see approach.
11 COFFEY, Q.C.:		ou mean by "a wait and see"
12 Q. If we could please, Exhibit P-0374. Mr.	12 approach?	su mean by a ware and see
Tilley, this is a series of e-mails, I think	13 MR. TILLEY:	
there are three of them but the final one at		didn't have any idea as to what
the top of the page ends up on your e-mail	1	ith it next on the national scene.
system, includes the other two, and this is an		to me that no one particular
e-mail from Denise Dunn, October 24th, 2005,		ization was going to take this
18 12:42 p.m. to yourself. Possible agenda item	_	ugh I suspected that there were
for CAP meeting in November and she writes,		s that must have been thinking
20 "Mr. Tilley, please see Dr. Cook's message	_	it really was a national issue
below." Signed Denise. And we look down at		nply had no other thoughts and
the message at the bottom of the page, it's an	1	given me any other thoughts in
e-mail from Donald Cook, October 23rd, 2005,	· ·	ere to place it, so it was really -
12:37 p.m. to Dr. Banerjee, the B.C. Cancer	24 COFFEY, Q.C.:	re to place it, so it was really
25 Agency, I believe. And the message that you		ould you be telling Phil Hassen the
	-	
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1 haveDr. Cook's message that was being		ated with this seems to have
forwarded to you was "Mr. George Tilley, CEO of Eastern Health and Dr. Bob Williams, VP	2 levelled off?	
	3 MR. TILLEY: 4 A. I'm not sure. I	man at that maint in time I
		mean at that point in time I had much contact with him, it
		, i
6 for immunohistochemistry at the Canadian	-	a way of introducing the subject
7 Association of Pathologists. Maybe we can put		't wantbecause of the level
8 it on the agenda for the November meeting as	_	ied as this issue not being
9 an item we can bring to the Federal Minister	9 important.	
of Health. This could be part of a much	10 COFFEY, Q.C.:	n context, to put it in context
larger issue, such as the national standards of practice for laboratory medicine in Canada.	1 -	· •
		rely fair, in fact you were
	_	at we want this pursued on a
Don." So you were being kept apprised of this?		
15 this? 16 MR. TILLEY:	15 MR. TILLEY:	Consider Detiont Sefety Institute
		Canadian Patient Safety Institute
17 A. Yes, uh-hm.		the organization that was set
18 COFFEY, Q.C.: 19 Q. Mr. Tilley, if we could look at, please		ake this issue on, however, member of the Board, we did
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Registrar, Exhibit P-0376, and this is a series of e-mails but the one in particular		rogram known as Safer Health Care took specific health care
series of e-mails but the one in particular I'm going to ask you to look at is the one at		promoted them throughout the
the top of page one. It's an e-mail from		se initiatives were actually
yourself, October 24th, 2005 at 3:09 p.m. to	-	can use the term politely, from
1		• •
25 Philip Hassen, copied to Bob Williams. And	25 a similar prog	ram in the United States called

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1	Save 100,000 Lives Campaign, and the	1	I apologize.
2	particular initiatives were known to have	2 MR.	TILLEY:
3	major opportunities for minimizing adverse	3 A	. Okay, thank you.
4	events if they were referred to. So I was		FEY, Q.C.:
5	thinking that at some point in time, obviously		2. This is the full document, okay. I gather it
6	this issue was nowhere ready to take on that	6	wasn't so much redacted as it was just covered
7	level of magnitude because the other	7	over in one of the copies we originally
8	initiatives in the Safer Health Care Now	8	received. We just looked at that e-mail from
9	Campaign were well documented, well	9	signed by Bob, from Denise Dunn, "Residents
10	researched, well proven in many concerns, but	10	of St. Pierre being notified. Will implement
11	potentially in the long run it could be	11	their document", and when you look down at the
l	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		•
12	something that the Canadian Patient Safety	12	e-mails below it, there's one from yourself,
13	Institute could take on and promote.	13	Sunday, October 23rd, 2005, to Bob Williams
l	COFFEY, Q.C.:	14	dealing with the risk exposures of providing
15	Q. So if we could look, please, to Exhibit P-	15	health services to non-residents of Canada,
16	0378, and this is a portion of an e-mail	16	and you write, "Bob, did we have any
17	well, it's a series of e-mails, but the one	17	discussion internally in relation to St.
18	that we have here is from Denise Dunn,	18	Pierre patients", signed George, and then you
19	Tuesday, October 25th, 2005, 11:08 a.m. to	19	had forwarded him as well an e-mail from a
20	yourself, and Denise Dunn is, remind me	20	person named
21	MR. TILLEY:		TILLEY:
22	A. The Executive Assistant for the Vice President		Eleanor Morton.
23	of Medical Services Office.	23 COF	FFEY, Q.C.:
24	COFFEY, Q.C.:	24 Ç	e. Pardon me?
25	Q. Okay, and would be Bob Williams at this time?	25 MR.	TILLEY:
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1	MR. TILLEY:	1 A	. Eleanor Morton.
2	A. Yes.	2 COF	FEY, Q.C.:
3	COFFEY, Q.C.:		No, this is a
4	Q. The subject is "Risk exposures of providing		TILLEY:
5	health services to non-residents of Canada",		a. I'm sorry.
6	and she writes, "Yes, re; ER/PR, residents of		FEY, Q.C.:
7	St. Pierre being notified. Will implement		o. Anyway, it's somebody named Nathan, and I
8	their document. Bob". Now what was this	8	won't try to pronounce the first name.
9	about?	_	TILLEY:
l	MR. TILLEY:		. Kopiha.
11	A. I guess the part below has been redacted, is		FEY, Q.C.:
12	it?		O. Okay, thank you.
l	COFFEY, Q.C.:		TILLEY:
l	Q. I gather.		
14			That's my guess.
l	MR. TILLEY:		FEY, Q.C.:
16	A. I remember a flyer or something that had been		9. Sent Wednesday, October 19th, 2005, 11:57 a.m,
17	forwarded through the Health Insurance	17	to the same individual. Subject is "Risk
18	Reciprocal of Canada, HIROC, which suggests	18	exposures of providing health services to non-
19	that organizations that respond to the needs	19	residents of Canada". This is dated the 18th
20	of non-Canadians may not have liability	20	of October, it's to HIROC subscribers, and
21	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	l	
	coverage, so that for us raised a question	21	it's dated October 18th, 2005. The subject is
22	coverage, so that for us raised a question about St Pierre & Miquelon.	22	"Risk Exposures of providing health services
22 23	coverage, so that for us raised a question about St Pierre & Miquelon. COFFEY, Q.C.:	22 23	"Risk Exposures of providing health services to non-residents of Canada", and it goes on at
22 23 24	coverage, so that for us raised a question about St Pierre & Miquelon. COFFEY, Q.C.: Q. Actually, to be if we could just look,	22 23 24	"Risk Exposures of providing health services to non-residents of Canada", and it goes on at some length, beginning with, "Further to a
22 23	coverage, so that for us raised a question about St Pierre & Miquelon. COFFEY, Q.C.:	22 23	"Risk Exposures of providing health services to non-residents of Canada", and it goes on at

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1 MR. TILLEY:	1 A. It's a crossover, two issues.
2 A. Yes.	2 COFFEY, Q.C.:
3 COFFEY, Q.C.:	3 Q. Yes, did this e-mail relate to whether or not
4 Q. So this might assist you, I'm sorry.	4 HIROC's insurance would cover any claim by St.
5 MR. TILLEY:	5 Pierre residents in relation to ER/PR,
6 A. Yes. Well, this flyer had come out and I'r	because, I mean, they're in the same series of
7 not sure if it was because at that time I was	7 e-mails here?
8 a member of the Board of that organization	or 8 MR. TILLEY:
9 whether they would have sent that memo to	all 9 A. Right. I can't remember the discussion in
10 CEO's bear with me, subscribers, so	that context, but you raise a good point.
possibly I was on their subscriber list. I	11 COFFEY, Q.C.:
suspect there were a few people in the	Q. Why else would this be? October 19th, at the
organization that would have been include	d. 13 bottom of the page, that e-mail, which is as
So that was the issue of that Board sorry,	you look on the next page is from this lady,
of that memo. We had assumed a responsib	ility 15 Eleanor Morton, VP Risk Management at HIROC.
to provide support for residents of St. Pierre	e 16 MR. TILLEY:
for health services that they could not offer	17 A. So that was on the 18th.
in St. Pierre, but wanted to avail of in	18 COFFEY, Q.C.:
Canada, i.e. St. John's, or could be anywhere	re 19 Q. Actually, that is this is dated the 18th,
else in the province for that matter. It's not	yes, when we look up through the page here.
to say that they wouldn't avail of services in	1 21 MR. TILLEY:
France, and I understand that some of the	m 22 A. Then on the following Sunday, I'm writing a
did, but the Health Care Corporation of St	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
John's and the equivalent organization in S	•
25 Pierre, or organizations, actually had entere	d 25 Pierre patients". That would be in relation
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into a MOU which outlined what services we	ould 1 to that
2 be provided, and we just took that as a matt	er 2 COFFEY, Q.C.:
of fact. They were treated as non-residents	3 Q. Contacting individual patients?
4 they would be invoiced as if they were not	1- 4 MR. TILLEY:
5 Canadian, there were rates that were	5 A. No, no, at that point in time, my thought
6 established for that. So now this particular	6 would have been referring up to that letter
7 issue was raising the question about, well, i	f and saying, well, we do a major service to the
8 an event were to happen in the treatment of	f population of St. Pierre.
9 one of those individuals, then it's possible	9 COFFEY, Q.C.:
that the liability coverage that the	10 Q. Okay.
organization had would not address it.	11 MR. TILLEY:
12 COFFEY, Q.C.:	12 A. And what's the impact of that particular
13 Q. And this, though, when we look at P-038	service now that that memo has been received.
further up the page, this is the very top	14 COFFEY, Q.C.:
of the page, Denise Dunn on behalf of Bo	ob 15 Q. Okay. So when you said, "Did we have any
Williams has written to you, "George, yes,	re; discussion internally in relation to St.
17 ER/PR, residents of St. Pierre are being	Pierre patients", the first part of his
notified. Will implement their document	
that is, I take it, some residents of St.	19 take it?
Pierre were some of the patients?	20 MR. TILLEY:
21 MR. TILLEY:	21 A. Right.
22 A. Yes.	22 COFFEY, Q.C.:
23 COFFEY, Q.C.:	Q. The word "yes" is there.
24 Q. ER/PR patients, and this, though, is	24 MR. TILLEY:
25 MR. TILLEY:	25 A. Right, and then he goes on to say, "Re;

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1 ER/PR", and I'm not sure if he's replying to	1 2005, 4:57 p.m, Denise Dunn is sending that e-
2 another note I had sent him or all or	2 mail on to Dr. Donald Cook, George Tilley,
3 COFFEY, Q.C.:	3 Terry Gulliver, and Kara Laing. The same
4 Q. Okay. So what I'm asking about is do you	thing, "Breast, June, 2004", and it says, "Dr.
5 recall whether or not insurance coverage for	5 D. Cook, Don, should we retest all negative
6 HIROC, you know, in relation to any claim by	6 specimens in the future as part of our normal
7 St. Pierre	operating procedures, signed Bob", and he's
8 MR. TILLEY:	8 copied this to G. Tilley, Kara Laing, and T.
9 A. No, I have no ability to pull that out of my	9 Gulliver. Do you recall what this was about?
head here.	10 MR. TILLEY:
11 COFFEY, Q.C.:	11 A. I'd really like to see the pdf, but based upon
12 Q. I'm not suggesting there was. It's just I 13 know you can see the	the way that e-mail is written, I wonder if there's some suggestion there that these
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14 MR. TILLEY:	•
15 A. Yes, I can see a connection, but I have no	unreliability, maybe should be repeated to confirm the results. I think Dr. Williams
recollection of that issue being talked about.	
17 COFFEY, Q.C.:	17 seems to be asking that question.
18 Q. Okay. And in terms of the St. Pierre	18 COFFEY, Q.C.:
residents here, though, at the top of the	19 Q. Of Donald Cook?
page, that re; ER/PR, them being notified is	20 MR. TILLEY:
21 about ER/PR?	A. Yeah, should we retest just as a normal course
22 MR. TILLEY:	of follow up, or in the normal course of doing
23 A. Yes.	23 that test.
24 COFFEY, Q.C.:	24 COFFEY, Q.C.:
25 Q. Okay. He says, "Will implement their	25 Q. Now, sir, if we could look at, please, Exhibit
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document". What is that?	1 P-0379. This is an e-mail at the top of the
2 MR. TILLEY:	2 page from yourself, October 25th, 2005, at
3 A. I'm not sure what that refers to, whether it	3 9:40 a.m. to David Dymond, Susan Gillam, Boyd
4 refers to the memo below or whether it refers	4 Rowe, and George Tilley. It's copied to John
5 to the MOU that the organization had with St.	5 Peddle, John Abbott, Bob Williams, and Joyce
6 Pierre & Miquelon.	6 Penney. It's "Re; delivery of gynecologic
7 COFFEY, Q.C.:	7 cytology services", and there's an attachment,
8 Q. But about them being notified, and he goes on	8 but your text you've written, "I am attaching
9 to say, "Will implement their document". So	9 a letter from Dr. Dan Fontaine, who is
what about them being notified about ER/PR	Director of Cytopathology Laboratory. With
status, the retesting process, what would that	11 the issues that we have been dealing with
involve in terms of implementation,	relating to ER and PR, I felt it was important
"implementing a document", or do you know?	to bring his views forward for discussion. I
14 MR. TILLEY:	appreciate if we could table this at an
15 A. I can't connect the two, sorry.	upcoming CEO meeting with the potential of
16 COFFEY, Q.C.:	asking Medical Services to give us their
Q. I'll have to ask Dr. Williams about it. If we	views. I know that Western and Central have
could look, please, at Exhibit P-0383. Now	already received his comments". Could you
there's an e-mail below from Heather Predham,	tell us, please, what this was about? Now not
20 October 25th, 2005, at 1:04 p.m, to Dr.	20 to much I don't want to go down the path of
21 Williams, Patricia Pilgrim, and Dr. Cook, and	21 cytopathology laboratory, but you did say
it's "Breast, June, 2004", and it's a	22 "with the issues we have been dealing with

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CEOs.

relating to ER and PR". What was arising

there and you're now referring to your fellow

reference to an article apparently she's found

look at the top of the page, October 25th,

and is forwarding in a pdf format, but when we

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1 MR. TILLEY:	1	I wrote John Abbott, and it was suggested that
2 A. What I recall is a recommendation about	2	that individual sit down with you and discuss
3 centralizing that service in the province.	3	these issues with you as the most
4 I'd have to see the attachment to confirm	4	knowledgeable person involved in this
5 that, but that's what speaks to me.	5	difficult situation. I spoke to her today and
6 COFFEY, Q.C.:	6	she's agreed to call you. I hope you can meet
7 Q. Okay, Dan Fontaine may have been recommending	7	with her. Thanks very much in advance", signed
8 a certain -	8	Ross Reid, who was the Deputy Minister to the
9 MR. TILLEY:	9	Premier at the time. There is then of
10 A. Approach to how those tests should be	10	course, you're not involved in the initial e-
11 performed.	11	mails, but there's another e-mail on October
12 COFFEY, Q.C.:	12	24th, 2005, at 2:41 p.m. from Denise Dunn to
13 Q. And he's involved, in fact, isn't he, in	13	Ross Reid, and it's to indicate she tells
14 cytopathology?	14	Mr. Reid, "I just want to let you know that on
15 MR. TILLEY:	15	Friday, October 21, Patricia Pilgrim, Chief
16 A. Yes, he's the Director.	16	Operating Officer responsible for the Cancer
17 COFFEY, Q.C.:	17	Care Program, and myself", that would be Bob
18 Q. He's the Director of it, so	18	Williams, "met with the individual to review
19 MR. TILLEY:	19	her concerns. I feel we had a good discussion
20 A. Uh-hm.	20	and appreciation of her concerns and I ensured
21 COFFEY, Q.C.:	21	her that her concerns would be shared with
22 Q. And so this centralization proposal, that's at	22	other individuals involved", and then the
least as best you can recall?	23	final e-mail in this series is one where
24 MR. TILLEY:	24	Denise Dunn on October 25th, 2005, at 10:50
25 A. Right.	25	a.m. forwards an e-mail to yourself, which is
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1 COFFEY, Q.C.:	1	•
1 COFFEY, Q.C.: 2 Q. And the idea of ER/PR being centralized it,	1 2	this series of e-mails that I just referred to
2 Q. And the idea of ER/PR being centralized it,		•
 Q. And the idea of ER/PR being centralized it, the reading of it, the interpretation of the 	2	this series of e-mails that I just referred to and saying, "George, FYI, for your information, Bob". So, Mr. Tilley, my
2 Q. And the idea of ER/PR being centralized it, 3 the reading of it, the interpretation of the	2 3	this series of e-mails that I just referred to and saying, "George, FYI, for your
 Q. And the idea of ER/PR being centralized it, the reading of it, the interpretation of the slides, that had come up before? 	2 3 4	this series of e-mails that I just referred to and saying, "George, FYI, for your information, Bob". So, Mr. Tilley, my question is this, what was this about? Why were you being sent an e-mail in relation to
 Q. And the idea of ER/PR being centralized it, the reading of it, the interpretation of the slides, that had come up before? MR. TILLEY: 	2 3 4 5	this series of e-mails that I just referred to and saying, "George, FYI, for your information, Bob". So, Mr. Tilley, my question is this, what was this about? Why were you being sent an e-mail in relation to this individual, or a series of e-mails being
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 Q. And the idea of ER/PR being centralized it, the reading of it, the interpretation of the slides, that had come up before? MR. TILLEY: A. Yes. COFFEY, Q.C.: Q. Now, sir, there is if we could look at 	2 3 4 5 6 7 8	this series of e-mails that I just referred to and saying, "George, FYI, for your information, Bob". So, Mr. Tilley, my question is this, what was this about? Why were you being sent an e-mail in relation to this individual, or a series of e-mails being finally forwarded to you involving one
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23 MR. TILLEY:

25 COFFEY, Q.C.:

A. Yes.

7 MR. TILLEY:

9 COFFEY, O.C.:

14 MR. TILLEY:

17 COFFEY, Q.C.:

A. Uh-hm.

the studio and sitting down with [blank] and

but that is 99 percent certain as of now,

Q. At the end of -- we're getting on toward the

A. I have -- there's nothing that comes to mind

that would be able to elaborate on that.

Q. If we could, please, Registrar, look at

Exhibit P-0146. Now this is an e-mail

exchange about the briefing for the Minister

Dawe and a patient to discuss ER/PR?

end of October, 2005. What was the concern

about Dr. Williams sitting down with Peter

Peter Dawe. The producer is going to confirm the time with me later tonight or in the a.m.

Deborah", and the name that's redacted there

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of the day being organized. Mr. Tilley, 21 22 before I get into the run up to that, throughout October of 2005, did the ER/PR 23 subject remain in the media, do you recall? 25 MR. TILLEY:

2 MR. TILLEY: A. Uh-hm.

4 COFFEY, O.C.:

Q. It wasn't as a result of anything you had 5 requested or any understanding you had with 6 7 him?

8 MR. TILLEY:

A. No, that was certainly --

10 COFFEY, Q.C.:

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11 Q. Okay. If we could look, please, at Exhibit P-0385. Now this is an e-mail from Deborah-12 13 Thomas Pennell, October 26th, 2005, at 3:23 p.m, to Denise Dunn, Susan Bonnell, Elizabeth-14 Strange Hollett, Joyce Penney, and yourself, 15 and the subject is "Out of the Fog", 16 presumably that should be -- well, it's INVU, 17 whatever that means, and Ms. Pennell writes, 18 19 "Dr. Williams is tentatively scheduled to do a one-on-one interview with Out of the Fog at 20 21

Dr. Williams Office at 12:15ish tomorrow. 22 They will bring the camera to him, and he will do a similar interview that he has already 23 done with NTV and CBC, etc. Dr. Williams 24

will", and then "not" is in caps, "be going to

Page 144 A. Dr. Williams had done some interviews, we had 1 2 put an ad in the paper, the Out of the Fog story has been referenced -- nothing else 3 jumping to my mind. 4 5 COFFEY, Q.C.: Q. Was there still -- were there still people, 6 7 like, patients, for example, being interviewed by the media and expressing concerns about the 8 amount of time the retesting was taking, a 9 lack of information being forthcoming from 10 11 Eastern Health? They were complaining about that. Do you recall that? 12 13 MR. TILLEY: A. That does ring a bell, and if it's in that 14 timeline, that's certainly possible. 15 16 COFFEY, O.C.: 17 Q. And as you've indicated, I believe already, Susan Bonnell expressed in writing the view 18 19 that she espoused the approach we should stay out of the media as much as we can after a 20 certain point in time in October, and you've 21

agreed that you acquiesced in it, anyway.

F	April 18, 2008	Multi-Pag	e Inquiry on Hormone Receptor Testing
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l	1 Q. What was the what's the advantage from	_	meeting to brief Minister Ottenheimer, re;
l	2 perspective, from the organization's		ER/PR, has now been confirmed for Thursday, 17
l	perspective about staying out of the media?		November, 2005, at 3:30 p.m. in the executive
l	4 MR. TILLEY:	4	boardroom of the Department of Health". I
l	5 A. Well, all I can think about is that by this	5	take it then that this briefing was to be on
l	6 time we had the ad in the paper which wo	uld 6	ER/PR that was scheduled then, November 17th?
l	speak to the issue. It's very tough for an		R. TILLEY:
l	8 organization to be speaking and be seen a	s 8	A. Yes, that's my assumption.
l	9 debating against patients. That wouldn't		DFFEY, Q.C.:
1	10 certainly be my interest. Very complex issu		Q. Now in your experience, what was the the
Т	in my mind, trying to see where the national		House would be opening. As the CEO of the
1	issue fitted into the local issue.	12	Health Care Corporation of St. John's or
-	13 COFFEY, Q.C.:	13	Eastern Health, as it now was, what if any
1	Q. If we could, please, Exhibit P-0146, and thi		involvement would you have in relation to any
1	is just in terms of the timing, Mr. Tilley.	15	preparations? What was your experience?
Т	This is a series of e-mail exchanges, but it		R. TILLEY:
1	says in the middle of the page this is an	17	A. Well, the little bit of exposure that I would
Т	e-mail, I'm sorry, from Joyce Penney, I		have had in my dealings with government
1	believe, to John Abbott, "Good morning, Jo		officials is that prior to the House, they
	20 This is November 2nd, 2005, 10:21 a.m, "	I'm 20	identify issues that potentially could be
1	21 following up on behalf of George Tilley		raised in the House, that there would be
	regarding the proposed date to brief the	22	individuals who would be giving some attention
1	23 minister on the ER/PR issues prior to the	23	to what some of the questions might be that
	opening of the House [November 21st]. It		would come up in the House, and then they
1	been suggested that a meeting on Friday, 1		would look to see whether there were replies
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l	November, 2005, would provide more current u	_	that could be recommended to the Minister.
l	to-date information. Dr. Williams and George		DFFEY, Q.C.:
l	Tilley are both available at 3 p.m. on Friday.	3	Q. Okay, you'd be asked for I'm sorry, I
l	4 I look forward to hearing from you regarding	4 M	R. TILLEY:
l	5 the Minister's availability". So by the	5	A. And the organization would be to the extent
l	6 beginning of November, people within your	6	that it had information that could help the
l	7 organization are aware they're going to have	7	answer, we would be discussing or providing
l	8 to you're aware that you're going to have	8	input.
l	9 to brief the Minister, John Ottenheimer,	9 C	OFFEY, Q.C.:
	before the House opens later that month.	10	Q. Factual information, I take it?
	11 MR. TILLEY:	11 M	R. TILLEY:
	12 A. Uh-hm, yes.	12	A. Yes.
	13 COFFEY, Q.C.:	13 CO	OFFEY, Q.C.:
	14 Q. And you have to arrange the schedules.	14	Q. Okay. Generally, had it been your experience
	15 MR. TILLEY:	15	that your personnel would be involved in
	16 A. Yeah.	16	actually drafting responses for a Minister?
	17 COFFEY, Q.C.:	17 M	R. TILLEY:
	18 Q. Now, sir, if we could go, please, to P-0148.	18	A. Not directly for a Minister. I assume that
	19 This is an e-mail from Joyce Penney to a	19	they would exchange information in writing,
1	20 number of individuals, including yourself,	20	but I assume that it would have gone to
1	21 John Abbott, Dr. Bob Williams, and so on,	21	whoever was responsible for doing that amongst
1	November 3rd, 2005, 3:03 p.m. The subject is,	22	the government officials.
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23 COFFEY, Q.C.:

Q. So up until this point, this is November of

2005, can you ever recall you, as the CEO or

"Briefing with the Minister, ER/PR issue, new

date", and she writes, "As a follow up to the

e-mail below, please be advised that the

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- **April 18, 2008** Page 149 Page 151 somebody that you were aware of within your of patients; where are we and when will all 1 1 organization, the Health Care Corporation or 2 2 patients be contacted, and I appreciate you Eastern Health, being asked to actually, in sitting in Ottawa with your Blackberry would 3 3 effect, draft the responses that the Minister have been perhaps not the best position to 4 4 might give? give details on that, but she says, "We need 5 5 6 MR. TILLEY: to ensure that the Minister can state all 6 A. I don't recall one way or the other. patients have been contacted when the House 7 7 8 COFFEY, Q.C.: 8 opens later this month. Q. It certainly doesn't jump out that it was a 9 MR. TILLEY: 10 routine matter, you weren't routinely doing 10 A. Yes. it, and I ask that because of something that 11 COFFEY, Q.C.: 11 happened that month and I'll be getting to 12 12 Q. Now had that subject come up before, the idea that the Minister of the day would be able to 13 that. 13 state categorically that all patients have 14 MR. TILLEY: 14 A. Routinely doesn't seem to be sticking in my been contacted? 15 15 16 mind. I mean, I can't imagine that there 16 MR. TILLEY: wouldn't have been issues at some point in A. This is November? 17 17 time that we would have contributed to. 18 18 COFFEY, O.C.: 19 COFFEY, O.C.: O. This is November 3rd. Q. If we could look, please, at Exhibit P-096. 20 MR. TILLEY: 20 Now this is an e-mail, sir -- well, it's A. Well, the issue after that is certainly burned 21 21 22 actually two e-mails. At the bottom of the 22 in my head, but the issue of all patients page is one from Moira Hennessey to yourself, being contacted, certainly the issue that was 23 23 George Tilley, Thursday, November 3rd at 1407 referenced very early in the game about 24 24 hours, the subject is "ER/PR", and says, "Hi, letters going out to people, I guess in some 25 25 Page 152 Page 150 George, can you give me an update on the says that could be an indication it was being 1 1 contacting of patients; where are we, and when 2 2 talked about. 3 will all patients be contacted. We need to 3 COFFEY, Q.C.: ensure that the Minister can state all Q. But in terms of the Minister, though -- what 4 4 5 patients have been contacted when the House 5 I'm getting at is more of the notion that the opens later this month. Also have you -- there was some concern in the Confederation 6 6 7 received the report from the Chief Pathologist 7 Building apparently that the Minister, by the at the BC Cancer Institute, and the Chief 8 time the House opened which was then 8 9 Technologist at Mount Sinai. If yes, can you scheduled, I believe, November 24th or so, I 9 give me a quick update to reflect in the think we saw that in the e-mail -- like, late 10 10 11 Minister's HOA", which is House of Assembly 11 in November the House was opening, okay, and now Moira Hennessey, the ADM, is telling you note, "thanks. Moira". At the top of the page 12 12 there's an e-mail from yourself, Thursday, "we need to ensure". Now who's the "we" here, 13 13 November 3rd, 2005, at 2:15 p.m. It's sent do you know, who did you interpret the "we" to 14 14
- via your wireless handheld, and it says --15
- it's to Moira Hennessey and it's to Dr. 16
- Williams, the subject is ER/PR, "Moira, I am 17
- in Ottawa. I know a briefing meeting has been 18
- 19 set with the Minister on November 17th for
- briefing for the House. In the meantime, if 20
- there is some immediate need you have in the 21
- interim, I ask that you touch base with Bob 22
- Williams", signed George. So, Mr. Tilley, in 23
- terms of what Moira had asked -- first of all, 24
- 25 she had asked for an update on the contacting

- 15 be?
- 16 MR. TILLEY:
- 17 A. I couldn't say.
- 18 COFFEY, Q.C.:
- Q. Would you have seen yourself as being part of 19
- the "we"? 20
- 21 MR. TILLEY:
- A. I didn't see it, no.
- 23 COFFEY, Q.C.:
- Q. I'm not suggesting you were, I'm just --24
- 25 MR. TILLEY:

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1 A. No. I mean, you know, Moira Hennessey is	s a left to get in touch with. We have eight that
2 very solid individual and I wouldn't have rea	d we have to figure out how to get in touch.
3 behind her words.	3 Sharon Dominic is speaking with Dr. Malluret
4 COFFEY, Q.C.:	4 re; the St. Pierre patients, eight of them,
5 Q. Was this an instruction? Would you have	and we have to set up something for those in
6 interpreted this as an instruction to you, "to	6 nursing homes, 12. The numbers for those who
7 ensure that all patients have been contacted	7 have converted have not changed from my last
by the time the House opens later this month	update" and she says, "There have been letters
9 so the Minister can stand up and say that"?	9 written on 18 patients. The letters have been
10 MR. TILLEY:	sent over to Kara for signing. There are 45
11 A. I don't recall it being looked at that way.	patients left to be reviewed. 25 have been
12 Again looking at a subject on a Blackberry,	selected for this Thursday's meeting. I still
it's no, I can't say.	haven't been able to make contact with
14 COFFEY, Q.C.:	14 Western. I reviewed Larry Alteen's data and
15 Q. And the reason I raise that with you, Mr.	provided feedback, but I have not heard from
Tilley, because I want you to help you put it	him regarding who's going to contact his
in context. If we could look, please, at	patients. Almost all the 76 patients noted
Exhibit P-095. That was November 3rd, a	
Thursday. Now this is an e-mail, October	
20 26th, 2005, Wednesday, which is the weel	
before or a week and a day before, at 8:41	21 Mr. Tilley, and as I pointed out when I
p.m. It's from Heather Predham to Dr. Rober	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Williams, Patricia Pilgrim, copied to Denise	
Dunn and Dianne Smith, and the subject is	
25 "Current tally for ER/PR". I appreciate your	25 MR. TILLEY:
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name is not here, but I'm going to read some	
of it and ask you about what, if anything, you	
knew about this or were advised about it.	3 Q. I mean, this is actual numbers and pointing
4 "Here are the latest numbers from the ER/PR	out who the only thing that's not here is
5 contacting. I just want you to know that	the actual patient's names, in effect, and
6 Nancy Parsons, Janet Laidley, and Deanne	_
7 Emberley have done a tremendous job with th	
8 task. It is extremely draining and they have	8 categories
9 done all this notification in the day and in	9 MR. TILLEY:
the evenings with the upmost of compassion a	
professionalism", and then there's bold print	11 COFFEY, Q.C.:
	41 12 Q. Sure. Were you being made aware the latter
patients; contacted 35, no answer after many	part of October, the beginning of November of
tries five, other region, one. Results not	
received, 292 patients; contacted 126, no	114 U.S. of this sort of information? At what
-	14 '05, of this sort of information? At what level were you being informed as to what was
110 allswei 55. deceased 12 idespile all oul	level were you being informed as to what was
answer 35, deceased 12 [despite all our efforts. These were discovered after we	level were you being informed as to what was going on?
17 efforts. These were discovered after we	level were you being informed as to what was going on? 17 MR. TILLEY:
efforts. These were discovered after we called the family]; moved, eight [we are	level were you being informed as to what was going on? MR. TILLEY: A. Well, I don't recall seeing this letter, but I
efforts. These were discovered after we called the family]; moved, eight [we are exploring ways to contact them]. Already	level were you being informed as to what was going on? MR. TILLEY: A. Well, I don't recall seeing this letter, but I do recall hearing about difficulties accessing
efforts. These were discovered after we called the family]; moved, eight [we are exploring ways to contact them]. Already called us, 12; other regions, 75. Not on	level were you being informed as to what was going on? MR. TILLEY: A. Well, I don't recall seeing this letter, but I do recall hearing about difficulties accessing people because they had moved or they weren't
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efforts. These were discovered after we called the family]; moved, eight [we are exploring ways to contact them]. Already called us, 12; other regions, 75. Not on Terry's list, 24 [these appear to be other region or people we already tested over the	level were you being informed as to what was going on? 17 MR. TILLEY: 18 A. Well, I don't recall seeing this letter, but I do recall hearing about difficulties accessing people because they had moved or they weren't answering their telephone. 22 COFFEY, Q.C.:

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1 came from something like this.	1 A. Because of the delays from results getting
2 COFFEY, Q.C.:	2 back from Mt. Sinai and the like -
3 Q. Okay. And again, I will point out, just	3 COFFEY, Q.C.:
4 because we don't have an e-mail necessarily	4 Q. And just the difficulty in locating -
5 doesn't mean that someone like Bob Williams	5 MR. TILLEY:
6 wouldn't have forwarded one to you and it just	6 A. Yes.
7 hasn't been picked up in the information	7 COFFEY, Q.C.:
8 gathering. So, to say that, as you point out,	8 Q some patients.
9 you could have actually seen this at some	9 MR. TILLEY:
point or something like it that would have	10 A. Yes, I mean, that would certainly be an issue
apprised you of it.	that was obviously being talked about and I
12 THE COMMISSIONER:	certainly knew of the issue about Mt. Sinai
13 Q. I think the witness said he didn't recall the	and its difficulties.
14 letter.	14 COFFEY, Q.C.:
15 COFFEY, Q.C.:	15 Q. There is, as wellwould you have interpreted-
16 Q. You don't recall seeing it?	-so, you would not have interpreted this
17 MR. TILLEY:	insertion, "that we need to ensure the
18 A. No, that's what I -	minister can say that all patients have been
19 COFFEY, Q.C.:	contacted when the House opens later this
20 Q. Oh okay. You don't recall getting this kind	20 month", as a directive to you?
21 of detail.	21 MR. TILLEY:
22 MR. TILLEY:	22 A. I hadn't seen it as a directive.
23 A. I don't recall that particular information,	23 COFFEY, Q.C.:
but I do recall information that seems to be	24 Q. Okay.
25 contained in it -	25 MR. TILLEY:
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1 COFFEY, Q.C.:	1 A. I wouldn't have seen it as a directive. I
2 Q. Okay, that's what I was -	2 wouldno.
3 MR. TILLEY:	3 COFFEY, Q.C.:
4 A about that's why I was being contacted.	4 Q. Now, she also asks about the report from the
5 COFFEY, Q.C.:	5 chief pathologists and the B.C. Cancer
6 Q. Okay.	6 Institute and the chief technologist. Now as
7 MR. TILLEY:	of November 3rd, Ms. Wegrynowski's report
8 A. Or having difficulty contacting people.	8 hadn't been issued, the written report. But
9 COFFEY, Q.C.:	9 that October 17th report from Dr. Banerjee did
10 Q. So you might have been getting kind of a	10 exist.
11 precise of -	11 MR. TILLEY:
12 MR. TILLEY:	12 A. Uh-hm.
13 A. That's possible.	13 COFFEY, Q.C.:
14 COFFEY, Q.C.:	14 Q. And would have been in St. John's for some
15 Q. Okay. Now, when we go back then to P-0096, on	period of time before November 3rd.
that day, November 3, Moira says to you, "we	16 MR. TILLEY:
need to ensure that the Minister can state all	17 A. Uh-hm.
patients have been contacted when the House	18 COFFEY, Q.C.:
opens later this month", I mean, would that	19 Q. By November 3rd, would you have seen Dr.
20 have caused you, in the beginning of November,	Banerjee's report?
some concern about, well look, are we going to	21 MR. TILLEY:
be in a position to do that, to be able to	22 A. I don't know of the actual date that I did
23 actually make such contacts and tell the	23 that.
24 minister that, that we've done so?	24 COFFEY, Q.C.:
25 MR. TILLEY:	25 Q. So in referring Ms. Hennessey to Dr. Williams

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and advising Dr. Williams that you were doi		nn, Denise Dunn who is Bob Williams'
2 so, top of the page there, did you anticipate	-	cutive assistance on Friday, November 4th
that Dr. Williams would inform her or give l		2:05 p.m., which would be the next dayI'm
information about the status of those reports		ry, 2005 at 1:15 p.m. forwarded that to
5 MR. TILLEY:		ather Predham. So when you came back to St.
6 A. Yes, because I'm thinking that it came in at		n's, November 3rd or 4th or 5th or 6th,
7 4:20-sorry, 1407.		enever you came back, did you ever discuss
		with Dr. Williams about Moira and the
8 COFFEY, Q.C.: 9 Q. 2:07 p.m., yes.		partment are looking for these reports or at
10 MR. TILLEY:		st the status? Did you ever discuss that
11 A. And went out at 2:15, so 8 minutes later, I'n		h Bob Williams?
just trying to do the math in the time zones,		
1	12 MR. TILLEY	ve no recollection.
l		
•	14 COFFEY, Q	
broke for lunch and started to read my e-mai		ould you have followed up with Bob Williams
that might have come in. 17 COFFEY, Q.C.:		ensure that Moira at least got some answer?
1	17 MR. TILLEY	
18 Q. Sure. And you're just saying, look, I'm		ll, just restate the environment in which
almost 1500 miles away, contact Bob.		re here, if the message had been redirected
20 MR. TILLEY:		ordingly, I would be on to one of many
21 A. Right.		er things by that time.
22 COFFEY, Q.C.: 23 Q. And you would have anticipated or expect	22 COFFEY, Q	
Q. And you would have anticipated or expect that he let her know what the status of those		w yourself, though, in terms of that nerjee report, you did, at some point, and
25 reports was?		indicated it was relatively earlier on
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1 MR. TILLEY:		er the report came in, you don't remember
2 A. Uh-hm.		exact date.
3 COFFEY, Q.C.:	3 MR. TILLI	·
4 Q. If we could, please, look at Exhibit P-0097.		ertainly wasn't in 2006.
5 Now, Mr. Tilley, the e-mail lower down on		-
6 page is fromthe original message is from		vas '05.
7 Moira Hennessey to Dr. Robert Williams, s		
8 Thursday, November 3rd, 2005 at 2:56 p.		s, that's what I'm recalling.
9 Suggesting that's not too long after you send	9 COFFEY, 0	
your e-mail to Ms. Hennessey, she wrote th		e year in which the report was done, you
to Dr. Williams. The subject is ER/PR and she		uld have seen it that year. You went to Bob lliams' office to look at it, so it was
says, "Hi Bob, can you please give me an		
update on where we are with the contacting patients. I understand the process is ongoing		tainly of interest to you.
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you received the report from the B.C.	16 COFFEY, 0	-
pathologists and the Mount Sinai		nat caused you to go to Bob's office?
technologists? If yes, what is the general finding (s). While I know you are briefing	18 MR. TILLE 19 A. We	Ell, I would periodically try to be visible
		the sights throughout the organization and
		happened to go to the Health Science
_		ntre, I would have certainly made an attempt
		connect with the vice-presidents that would
_		-
l ·		working there.
via her Blackberry. And then apparently M	. 25 COFFEY, 0	ų.c.:

Page 165 Page 167 Q. And if you go in, I mean, presumably you would 1 1 COFFEY, O.C.: 2 have been in Bob Williams' office a number of Q. So without being--without the department receiving either a summary of what was in it 3 times, was this trip to see this report? 3 or the actual reports, the department couldn't 4 4 MR. TILLEY: A. I can't say specifically. 5 find out what the conclusions had been? 5 6 MR. TILLEY: 6 COFFEY, Q.C.: Q. So do you recall whether yourself and Bob A. Well, there were briefing sessions given 7 7 8 Williams ever discussed the issue of whether 8 directly by Dr. Williams in which he talked about the recommendations coming out of the 9 the department should see this report or 9 10 10 reports. should see a summary of it--or be given a 11 summary of what was in it? 11 COFFEY, Q.C.: Q. I appreciate the recommendations, I'm talking 12 MR. TILLEY: 12 about the reasons about why you needed 13 A. I can't imagine that we wouldn't have. There 13 14 was obviously an interest on their part, 14 recommendations in the first place. 15 Moira's e-mail refers to general findings. I 15 MR. TILLEY: 16 don't recall having said that we would not A. Right. I can't speak to it specifically, but 16 Dr. Williams was very open with his provide it to the department and as you know, 17 17 conversation, so I can't imagine him being 18 much later that was at least acknowledged to 18 19 be done. 19 inhibited in that way. 20 COFFEY, Q.C.: 20 COFFEY, Q.C.: Q. So if you would have thought that or expected 21 Q. You were prepared to provide it, it wasn't 21 22 actually provided, I gather, because it didn't 22 that the deputy minister would treat these 23 23 sorts of reports in the same way, in terms of make it out of your office. confidentiality as they were within your 24 MR. TILLEY: 24 organization, why wouldn't they just be 25 A. Right, right, which is another day, another 25 Page 168 Page 166 shipped over when the ADM is asking about the 1 story. 1 2 general findings? 2 COFFEY, Q.C.: Q. Yes, but you were prepared to in May of '07 3 3 MR. TILLEY: provide it to the department. A. I guess the decision was that we would use it 4 4 5 MR. TILLEY: 5 the same way that we were treating other parts of the organization and that we'd be (sic.) A. Uh-hm. 6 6 7 verbal briefings. 7 COFFEY, Q.C.: Q. So in October, November, December of '05, at 8 THE COMMISSIONER: 8 that time, do you think you would have been Q. When you're ready, Mr. Coffey. 9 prepared to provide it to the department? In 10 COFFEY, Q.C.: 10 11 fact, why not just send it over to them? 11 Q. Yes, thank you. So I take it there's really no real answer to that, it's just we didn't 12 MR. TILLEY: 12 13 A. Yeah, well if the department had indicated and 13 think to do it? the way our organizations were working 14 14 MR. TILLEY: together, trying to balance off the issue that A. Yeah. Like a hundred things happening at the 15 15 we had always worked with with regards to peer same time -16 16 17 review processes, we would have certainly 17 COFFEY, Q.C.: provided it on the assumption that they would 18 Q. Yes, but bear in mind this is the most 18 19 protect that the same way we would. The 19 important, biggest clinical matter you're health system depends so much on peer review dealing with -20 20 21 processes and it may not be as important for 21 MR. TILLEY: 22 that particular case, but in subsequent cases, A. Yes. it really is one of the few tools that we have 23 23 COFFEY, Q.C.: 24 to encourage openness and evaluation amongst Q. And you're right in the midst of it at this 24 peer groups. 25 point. 25

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1	MR. TILLEY:	1	
2	A. Right and restructuring the biggest	2	2 COFFEY, Q.C.:
3	organization that I had ever been involve in	3	
4	and trying to manage that at the same time,	4	
5	you know, I can speak to the peer review		5 MR. TILLEY:
6	process and the general rules around that. I	6	••
7	can speak to the fact that the department and	"	7 COFFEY, Q.C.:
'	ourselves wereworked very closely together.		m
8	• • • •	8	THE COMMISSIONER:
l			
10	Q. So are you telling us, when you say "closely	10	
11	together" are you telling the Commissioner	11	,
12	look, in effect, John Abbott knew what was in		2 THE COMMISSIONER:
13	those reports in a practical way?	13	
l	MR. TILLEY:		4 COFFEY, Q.C.:
15	A. No, it was just our ongoing working	15	<i>E</i> ,
16	relationship, I wouldn't see John or his staff	16	
17	as being immediate outsiders.	17	7 THE COMMISSIONER:
18	COFFEY, Q.C.:	18	•
19	Q. Yes, I understand that, which explains -	19	• 3
20	THE COMMISSIONER:	20	
21	Q. Would or wouldn't?	21	interested that next week is the week of the
22	MR. TILLEY:	22	seminar, which will be held on Tuesday and
23	A. Would not.	23	Wednesday morning in the Inco Innovation
24	COFFEY, Q.C.:	24	Centre. Unless I date myself, I reckon that
25	Q. Which explains your willingness to provide it	25	is the old student union building at Memorial
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1	in May of '07. I'm just asking back in '05	1	
2	why you wouldn't have sent it on, bearing in	2	
3	mind the public profile of this matter.	3	
4	MR. TILLEY:	4	
5	A. Yes, well right from the very beginning we had	5	that if you are also interested in scheduling,
6	restricted the publication or the printing of	6	
7	these reports and it was distributed to a few	7	
8	individuals who were seen as being important	8	
9	in terms of following up or monitoring the	9	
10	progress.	10	
l	COFFEY, Q.C.:	11	
12	Q. I mean, John Abbott now is not just somebody		2 MR. TILLEY:
13	he occupied a position, he's the deputy	13	
14	minister of Health and you didn't think it		THE COMMISSIONER:
l	would be important for somebody at his level	15	
15	to understand what it was Dr. Banerjee had	1	5 COFFEY, Q.C.:
16	concluded?		
17		17	•
ı	MR. TILLEY: A Not that I didn't think it was important	18	•
19	A. Not that I didn't think it was important.	19	e :
ı	COFFEY, Q.C.: Q. Well wouldn't it have been important for the	20	·
21	Q. Well wouldn't it have been important for the	21	
22	deputy minister to fully appreciate what this	22	1
23	outsider had found?	23	
24	MR. TILLEY:	24	from Peter Dawe, November 14th, 2005 at 11:58

a.m. on the bottom of the page there, to Dr.

A. Looking back at it, Mr. Coffey, I can see that

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1	Williams and yourself and the subject is	1	1	in Mr. Dawe's e-mail to you, because bear in
2	priority for retesting of breast cancer	2	2	mind this is the middle of November of 2005,
3	patients. And Mr. Dawe has written, "Good day	3		at that point did you have any reason to
4	Bob and George. I understand Bob is not	4		believe that in fact patient retesting was
5	available this week, so I am including George	5		being done in alphabetical order?
6	in the message. George, you may want to put			IR. TILLEY:
7	me on to someone else, which is fine. I spoke	7		A. No reason to believe yes or no.
8	to a person this morning who is concerned	8	8 C	OFFEY, Q.C.:
9	about her retesting and when it will be done.	9		Q. You didn't know on what basis it was being -
10	She was told the testing is being done in			IR. TILLEY:
11	alphabetical order and is worried that it	11		A. No, sir.
12	hasn't been prioritized. She is also	12	2 C	OFFEY, Q.C.:
13	concerned with the general lack of information	13		Q prioritized or even if it was being at all,
14	from the frontline staff at the cancer clinic.	14		in the sense of -
15	She will be talking to the media on this to	15	5 N	IR. TILLEY:
16	let you know. Can you tell me if there is any	16	5	A. That's correct.
17	priority procedure in place for the retesting.	17	7 C	OFFEY, Q.C.:
18	I have left a message for George to phone me	18		Q. Some sent before others. "She's also
19	on this also"and he has a cell number.	19	9	concerned with the general lack of information
20	Signed Peter. And then at 2:39 the same day,	20	С	from the frontline staff at the cancer
21	Denise Dunn, on behalf of Dr. Robert Williams	21		clinic." Now did that give you any pause for
22	sent an e-mail to yourself, the same subject	22		concern?
23	matter, and it says "Mr. Tilley, do you want	23	3 N	IR. TILLEY:
24	me to forward this to Terry Gulliver for	24	4	A. Well looking at it, clearly the people that
25	follow up?" Signed Denise. And then you, on	25	5	were talking to the public were the team that
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1	the same day at 2:44 p.m. sent an e-mail to	1	1	were in the Quality Initiatives Department and
2	Dr. Robert Williams on the same subject matter	2		not it the cancer clinic. I see to recall a
3	saying, "Denise, I sent this to Pat Pilgrim	3		directive going out to multiple parts of the
4	earlier today for follow up. Thanks." Signed	4		organization to have any inquiries of this
5	George Tilley. Now can you tell us, please,	5	5	nature referred to the patient relations
6	Mr. Tilley, what this was about in the middle	6		officer.
7	of November in terms of priority of testing or	7	7 C	OFFEY, Q.C.:
8	retesting and how that was originally	8	8	Q. And you're correct, there is such a -
9	envisaged to be addressed and in fact was	9	9 N	IR. TILLEY:
10	addressed?	10	C	A. Okay, so I guess it would be understandable
11	MR. TILLEY:	11	1	to, now that I know the questions were going
12	A. In terms of how the tests were going to be	12	2	to be directed in that area, that was going to
13	sent off or coming back?	13	3	be the resolution.
14	COFFEY, Q.C.:	14	4 C	OFFEY, Q.C.:
15	Q. And prioritized because this talks about	15	5	Q. Do you know ifso from your perspective, you
16	prioritizing and this patient, apparently had	16	5	were telling Dr. Williams that I've tasked Pat
17	thought it was alphabetically and what can you	17		Pilgrim with dealing with this?
18	tell us about -	18	3 M	IR. TILLEY:
	MR. TILLEY:	19		A. Yes. Pat would have been the cancer care
20	A. I really have no knowledge in terms of how it	20		executive lead, so would have been the logical
21	was handled or prioritized, other than what	21		person, particularly in Dr. Williams' absence,
22	was coming back was being dealt with. Beyond	22		but also because of her connection with the
23	that, I really can't speak to it.	23	3	cancer program.

24 COFFEY, Q.C.:

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Q. Did you ever check afterward to find out what

Q. The reference here at the bottom of the page

24 COFFEY, Q.C.:

2005. It's an update on estrogen and 16 progesterone receptor testing and "The 17 estrogen and progesterone investigation and 18 19 retesting today is affecting 835 individuals, total of 898 samples. There are instances 20 where individuals have had more than one 21 22 sample taken, having logged and sent to Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto, Ontario. In 23 summary, activity to date is as follows"--and 24 there's a long very detailed list of the 25

fifty percent had been reported as other -17 MR. TILLEY: A. Yes. 18 19 COFFEY, Q.C.: Q. In other words, positive, presumably? 21 MR. TILLEY: A. Yes. 23 COFFEY, Q.C.: 24 Q. Which is a conversion rate at that point of 25 probably around 45 percent or so, give or take

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a bit, if you do the arithmetic, that would be	1 Q. An	d if we could assist Mr. Tilley in that
2 about right, wouldn't it?	2 reg	ard then, Exhibit P-0388 and this is an e-
3 MR. SIMMONS:	3 ma	il written by yourself, Mr. Tilley, that
4 Q. The briefing note says require review, it	4 day	y, November 17th at 5:41 p.m. to Susan
5 doesn't say positive, assume require this	5 Bo	nnell and Heather Predham and you write,
6 review for some reason but I don't want to		r. Williams and I met with the minister this
7 draw the conclusion that you conclude that all	7 afte	ernoon to bring him the latest information
8 of them in turn is positive.		the ER/PR issue. Thanks, Heather, for the
9 THE COMMISSIONER:		ormation that you prepared. The minster's
10 Q. I had understood the only ones that were		mmunication's director will be e-mailing a
reviewed are the ones that were not confirmed		v questions to Susan that they would like
negative, but maybe I'm wrong on that.		us to put responses to by the end of the
13 MR. SIMMONS:		y tomorrow, anticipation of the House
14 Q. There areI think you'll hear eventually that	-	ening tomorrow. We will undoubtedly need
there were some cases where the panel had to	_	eryone's help in ensuring key messages are
_		ting across." Signed George. So does that
be involved in determining whether it would be	_	
17 considered a negative or a positive.		sist youand as well, while I'm at it Mr.
18 COFFEY, Q.C.:		ley, if I could please, if we could bring
19 Q. Yes, and that's the whole thing about whether	_	too Exhibit P-0153 please? This is an e-
20 they're one to nine verses ten, verses others.		il from Tansy Mundon, Friday, November 18th,
But the point being they didn't get reviewed		05 at 9:13 a.m., which is the next morning,
by the panel unless Mount Sinai said it's		Deborah Thomas-Pennell, Susan Bonnell,
something more than zero. I think we'd agree	_	pied to yourself, Darrell Hynes and John
on that, Mr. Simmons.		bott. Subject is ER/PR questions. And she
25 MR. SIMMONS:	25 wri	ites, "Susan, Deborah, further to our
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Page 182 1 Q. Uh-hm.	1 bri	Page 184 efing yesterday with George and Dr.
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1 Q. Uh-hm.	2 Wi	efing yesterday with George and Dr.
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1 -	1 Tansy." Signed Deborah. And so Deborah
2 COFFEY, Q.C.:	2 Pennell apparently, from inside your
3 Q. Yes, that's all those numbers.	organization, as a member of your organization
4 MR. TILLEY:	4 when you see the next page of this exhibit,
5 A. Those numbers. And then a discussion with	5 page two, well we actually see a document that
6 respect to anticipating questions that the	6 goes on for another full two pages with the
7 officials in the department would like to have	7 questions that we just looked at retyped out
8 some information about as they were to prepare	and then in bold print, the answers.
9 their minister for potential discussions in	9 MR. TILLEY:
the House of Assembly.	10 A. Yes.
11 COFFEY, Q.C.:	11 COFFEY, Q.C.:
12 Q. And these questions that are listed on page	12 Q. Do you recall whether or not you were involved
two of Exhibit P-0153, the first one is when	in providing the information for these
did the HSC minister find out about the	14 answers?
inaccurate cancer test results and what	15 MR. TILLEY:
direction did he give to Eastern Health on how	16 A. No, I don't recall. There would be people
to handle this situation?	that would certainly have access to that
18 MR. TILLEY:	information at a more detailed level than I
19 A. Yes.	would. I suspect that Deborah Thomas would
20 COFFEY, Q.C.:	20 have co-ordinated with those individuals.
21 Q. Now, Mr. Tilley, yourself, when you received	21 COFFEY, Q.C.:
that, I presume on the 18th of November, how	Q. She'd go to the people who knew the most about
did you feel at the time as a CEO about being	23 it.
asked to answer that sort of a question?	24 MR. TILLEY:
25 MR. TILLEY:	25 A. That would be my thought.
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1 A. Well I just felt that what we had received was	1 COFFEY, Q.C.:
2 a complete list of questions that somebody had	2 Q. And your expectation, I take it, as well.
3 prepared for the minister without giving much	3 MR. TILLEY:
4 thought to it being edited to send over to my	4 A. Yes.
5 staff to provide input.	5 COFFEY, Q.C.:
6 COFFEY, Q.C.:	6 Q. Mr. Tilley, as a CEO of Eastern Health, having
7 O. Because it was, in fact, in terms of when he	7 met with John Ottenheimer on November 17th.

- Q. Because it was, in fact, in terms of when he found out, unless it was you might have been 8 able to answer it yourself by looking at your 9 diary and so on at the time, but presumably he 10 11 would have known when he found out.
- 12 MR. TILLEY:
- 13 A. Yes, so that's why I'm assuming that it was their list of questions and we were 14 15 contributing and whatever we were replying with, they were going to be using that to 16 17 build the information for the minister.
- 18 COFFEY, Q.C.: Q. And if we could, please, could we open Exhibit 19 P-0154? Now this, Mr. Tilley, is an e-mail 20 21 from Deborah Thomas-Pennell, November 21st, 22 2005, 9:21 a.m. to Tansy Mundon, copied to Susan Bonnell. The subject is ER/PR 23 24 questions. The attachment are questions 25 ER/PR.1 final.doc. She says "As requested,

- met with John Ottenheimer on November 17th, 7
- the idea that your organization might, you 8
- know, be tasked with and fulfil the task of 9
- answering questions such as these, how did 10
- 11 that stand--why were you--what I'm trying to
- say to you, I suppose, is why are you people 12
- 13 who are otherwise busy, dealing with this?
- 14 MR. TILLEY:

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A. Well it certainly wasn't our primary responsibility any time in the past to be doing this for the minister, but normally what I had been familiar with is that there would be an information process by the officials in government and then the actual information translated into answers by their staff. I'm not sure if there was anything specific intended with this, other than maybe the turn around time would seen to be short, therefore they were putting the questions forward to

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1 minimize the amount of afterwork.	1 MR. TILLEY:
2 COFFEY, Q.C.:	2 A. Uh-hm.
3 Q. And do you know whether or not you ever saw	3 COFFEY, Q.C.:
4 the answers before they went?	4 Q. And other than perhaps the first question and
5 MR. TILLEY:	5 answer, the information contained in the
6 A. It's tough to pick one document out in the	6 answers there, are spelled out here in these
7 middle ofand I at the time was I ever copied	7 two pages.
8 on it or -	8 MR. TILLEY:
9 COFFEY, Q.C.:	9 A. Yes.
10 Q. Well actually if we could open, please,	10 COFFEY, Q.C.:
11 Exhibit P-0153, thank you, Registrar. This is	11 Q. Pages two and three of the exhibit. At this
the one with the actual list of questions on	point in time which is just past the middle of
it. That had been sent to you apparently or	November, what was the state of communication
you were copied on it on the morning of	of Eastern Health with the public at that
November 18th. The response went out Monday	point? You had run your ad back in October,
morning, November 21st and I'm not saying you	remember that newspaper advertisement.
were or weren't. I don't have the documents	17 MR. TILLEY:
here, I'm not saying they don't exist, but	18 A. Yes, I do, yes, middle of October.
what I'm asking you is do you have any memory	19 COFFEY, Q.C.:
20 really of kind of having to vet this before it	20 Q. Middle toward the end of October, we looked at
21 went?	21 that. And this is now getting toward the
22 MR. TILLEY:	secondwe're into the second half of
23 A. I didn't have it as a rule to vet documents	November.
24 that were going from the Department of Health.	24 MR. TILLEY:
25 COFFEY, Q.C.:	25 A. Yes.
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1 A. Yes.	1 November meeting that you can recall? You
2 COFFEY, Q.C.:	2 understood there were going to be a list of
3 Q. At the time and would there have been anything	questions and your people would do what they
to prevent Eastern Health, for example, other	4 could to answer them. Mr. Ottenheimer's
than the first question and answer putting the	5 overall level of satisfaction or otherwise
6 rest of these up on your website explaining	6 with the state of affairs reported to him, was
your, you know, as to anybody who is inquiring	7 he content?
from the public, you know, these are questions that might occur to you and this is our	8 MR. TILLEY:
,	9 A. There's nothing that sort of stands out for
position currently on it, the number of	10 me.
patients andand if you're telling the	11 COFFEY, Q.C.:
12 minister information that -	12 Q. I take it, from your you have no memory of
13 MR. TILLEY:	him expressing any dissatisfaction. I'm not
14 A. He was prepared to say publicly.	14 suggesting he did, I'm just
15 COFFEY, Q.C.:	15 MR. TILLEY:
16 Q. Yes.	16 A. No, sir, I don't.
17 MR. TILLEY:	17 COFFEY, Q.C.:
18 A. I'm sorry, am I doing this?	18 Q. And at that time and there are e-mails, a
19 COFFEY, Q.C.:	number of them where, you know, people from
20 Q. You are, you're in control.	your organization are continuously contacting
21 MR. TILLEY:	21 Mount Sinai to see when the next retest
22 A. My apologies.	results would be back, there was certainly an
23 COFFEY, Q.C.:	interest in you understood that?
24 Q. No, no, not at all.	24 MR. TILLEY:
25 MR. TILLEY:	25 A. I knew there was a lot of discussions to try -
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1 A. You know, there's nothing obviously that I can	- around trying to expedite the retreatment or
2 recall that would, based upon my scan, be not	2 retesting process.
3 information that we wouldn't share with	3 COFFEY, Q.C.:
4 anybody and certainly if the minister was	4 Q. Thank you. Sir, if we could look, please, at
5 going to speak to it in the House, then -	5 Exhibit P-0310. Now this is a series of e-
6 COFFEY, Q.C.:	6 mails. The top ones are between Darrell Hynes
7 Q. And if it was information that you were	and Tansy Mundon, but when we get down to the
8 prepared to have the minister, there'd	8 one at the bottom of the page, it's an e-mail
9 probably have been no reason in principle why	9 from Deborah Thomas-Pennell, Thursday,
10 -	December 1st, 2005, at 1357 hours. It's to
11 MR. TILLEY:	Tansy Mundon on her Blackberry, and the
12 A. That's what I mean.	subject is "FYI", for your information, and
13 COFFEY, Q.C.:	13 Ms. Pennell you will note here was still with
Q. Okay, do you know if any thought was given at	the Health Care Corporation of St. John's
the time toin the interest of opency and	15 MR. TILLEY:
transparency which is a phrase, an answer	16 A. Uh-hm.
being used later of putting that sort of information up on your website which descrit	17 COFFEY, Q.C.:
information up on your website, which doesn't	Q. At the time, and she writes, "Hi Tansy, just
have any costs associated with it.	19 FYI, Mark Quinn is doing a news story on the
20 MR. TILLEY:	20 fact that the ER/PR testing is taking longer
21 A. No, absolutely not. I can't recall any	21 than we thought. He talked to Peter Dawe and
discussion that I was involved in about that	cancer survivor, the name is redacted, and Dr.

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Williams also did a quick telephone interview. Basically, all he said is that we are getting

the results back as fast as we can. We have

Q. Sir, is there anything else about that

specifically.

24 COFFEY, Q.C.:

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Page 197 Page 199 issued a plea to Mount Sinai that they do what 1 COFFEY, O.C.: 1 2 they can to hurry the procedure along, and Q. How about in terms of their communicating that as soon as we get the results back, we their advice to you generally, because you've 3 3 are letting people know. There's not much more indicated that generally you had advice from 4 4 we can say. Just wanted to keep you in the them in respect of the ER/PR issue? 5 5 loop. I managed to hold him off until today", 6 6 MR. TILLEY: in the context to be Mark Quinn, "That way the 7 A. I did. As you have seen up to date, I had 7 issue should be dead again by the time the gotten letters from Susan with respect to her 8 8 House opens again next week". There's a "J" recommendations for patient follow-up, had 9 9 10 there, I don't know if that means anything, 10 gotten a memo from her with respect to the and she signs, Deborah. Now with respect to pros and cons of various issues. I certainly 11 11 this, Ms. Pennell's remark that "she had saw that as being information that was very 12 12 managed to hold off Mr. Quinn until that day", insightful and realistic under the 13 13 and with a view, she suggests, "thereby the circumstance. The issue with regards to the 14 14 issue should be dead again by the time the House and the communications between them and 15 15 16 House opens again next week", were you aware the communications in the Department of 16 that that sort of an attitude existed within Health, it's not something I'm able to speak 17 17 your organization, this Communications 18 18 19 Department? 19 COFFEY, O.C.: 20 MR. TILLEY: Q. And the idea of trying to keep it out of the 20 public eye, can you speak to that? 21 A. No. 21 22 COFFEY, O.C.: 22 MR. TILLEY: Q. With respect to communications involving ER/PR A. Well, we were obviously going through a lot of 23 23 within your organization, it's Susan Bonnell evolving issues at that point in time; the 24 24 and Deborah Thomas Pennell, they are the two reviews, the patients coming back -- the 25 25 Page 198 Page 200 main -- what we've seen in these results coming back, the retesting. Clearly 1 1 communications. 2 our focus was on the individual patient and 2 that's what we felt, always felt to be the 3 MR. TILLEY: 3 most important factor. The issue of public A. Yes. 4 5 COFFEY, Q.C.: 5 discussion was, as I had indicated earlier, Q. That would be the two people who would be not the primary issue. We kept reinforcing 6 6 7 dealing with it? 7 the fact that we were doing the right thing by focusing in on the patient. 8 MR. TILLEY: 8 A. Yes, and they were certainly very active in 9 COFFEY, Q.C.: this, and I felt did very good work in terms Q. How about the idea of trying to avoid the 10 10 11 of their advice to me, and essentially I can 11 public eye entirely? say that they worked many, many hours long 12 12 MR. TILLEY: beyond a lot of people. 13 13 A. I don't know how we could avoid being -- this 14 COFFEY, Q.C.: issue being from the public eye entirely. It 14 Q. And in terms of their advice to you, did their 15 was obviously an important issue to a lot of 15 advice ever involve the notion of trying to 16 people. 16 ensure the issue is dead again or minimizing 17 17 COFFEY, Q.C.: the issue, to keep it out of the House of Q. If you could look, please, at Exhibit P-0311. 18 18 19 Assembly in this instance, or otherwise just Now this is -- thank you. Page two of it is 19 keep it out of the public eye? Did their an e-mail from Tansy Mundon to a number of 20 20 advice involve that? individuals, senior individuals -- well, John 21 21 22 MR. TILLEY: Abbott, to Moira Hennessey, Darrell Hynes, 22 John Ottenheimer, John Rumbolt, Tara Furlong, A. I'm not sure what it does to try to have 23 23 something avoided for the House, but that's but as well as Susan Bonnell and Deborah 24 24 how it reads. I really can't speak to it. 25 Thomas in your organization. It's December 5, 25

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1 Q. Yes.
2 MR. TILLEY: 2 COFFEY, Q.C.:
3 A. So we're well beyond that date. Anyway, 3 Q. Would I I'm just again for the
4 sorry, Mr. Coffey, back to your original 4 Commissioner's perspective at the time, this
5 point. 5 is, I think, really one of the first times 6 COFFEY, Q.C.: 6 that we've seen in a document any idea of
7 Q. Not at all 7 actually restarting testing locally? 8 MR. TILLEY: 8 MR. TILLEY:
9 A. Which was did Dr. Williams make me aware 9 A. Yes, other than we would have had information
10 COFFEY, Q.C.: 10 back from Ventana that suggests that the
11 Q. That your breast pathologist, she's the only 11 equipment was operating favourably.
one in the organization 12 COFFEY, Q.C.:
13 MR. TILLEY: 13 Q. Yes, that actually went back to August of '05.
14 A. Yes. 14 MR. TILLEY:
15 COFFEY, Q.C.: 15 A. Okay.
16 Q. Has a classification or specification of being 16 COFFEY, Q.C.:
a specialist in that area 17 Q. So what I'm getting at here is that apparently
18 MR. TILLEY: 18 that letter suggests that recently then Barry
19 A. Right. 19 Dyer had raised the idea of restarting
20 COFFEY, Q.C.: 20 testing, okay, and I'm asking you do you have
21 Q. That this was the view that she had expressed 21 any recollection of the person who you had
in writing to Dr. Williams, and I appreciate 22 tasked with handling this matter, Dr.
she's goes on at some length about why she 23 Williams, raised with you the fact that the
24 feels that way, but 24 only breast pathologist in the province
25 MR. TILLEY: 25 expressed these sorts of views and concerns?

Page 209 Page 211 1 MR. TILLEY: 1 THE COMMISSIONER: Q. Do you even recall a conversation with Dr. A. Well, as I look just at the first three lines, 2 Mr. Dyer was obviously taking a position that Williams to the effect of it's being suggested 3 3 this could be started, and that Dr. Cook had that we start up ER/PR testing again using the 4 4 Ventana and there's anybody against it or 5 recently asked Dr. Carter for her opinion, and 5 I assume, without reading the rest, that he's anything of that nature? 6 6 now referring that dialogue to Dr. Williams. 7 MR. TILLEY: 7 8 One of the things I do recall all along about 8 A. Well, the fact that it wasn't started, Madam this issue as to restarting the Ventana, which Commissioner, I'm working on the assumption 9 9 10 I said to Dr. Williams that he and his 10 that it wasn't a unanimous opinion, and I used colleagues have to be satisfied that that to always indicate to him that he had to be 11 11 satisfied that everybody was comfortable 12 equipment is okay to activate for this 12 purpose, and I repeated that with Dr. Howell, moving forward. So I take it in the absence 13 13 and that's my recollection in terms of 14 14 thereof -starting up the Ventana test again. 15 15 THE COMMISSIONER: 16 COFFEY, Q.C.: Q. Okay, so -- but does the indication -- were 16 you saying I want everybody to be on side Q. This letter not only refers to the machinery, 17 17 it also refers to personnel being trained? about going back to doing this test before you 18 18 19 MR. TILLEY: 19 proceed? A. Yes, I understand that. 20 20 MR. TILLEY: 21 COFFEY, Q.C.: 21 A. I was certainly saying to him that I need for 22 Q. Pathologists and so on, and technologists, and 22 him to feel comfortable before we move forward it goes on at quite some detailed length? 23 with reactivating this test, so I guess to the 23 24 MR. TILLEY: extent that he's going to feel satisfied is 24 when he's got a common agreement to go. 25 A. Right, and i was just speaking to your point 25 Page 210 Page 212 about the letter focusing in on the Ventana. 1 COFFEY, Q.C.: 1 2 COFFEY, Q.C.: Q. And did he ever bring to you the apparent 2 significant disagreement and opinion that Dr. Q. So the idea, though, that -- so you have no 3 3 recollection of Dr. Williams bringing these Carter's letter suggest exists between, at 4 4 5 sorts of concerns having been expressed at the 5 least her view, and the technologist end of beginning of December of '05 by the breast it? I mean, did the fact that this exists and 6 6 7 pathologist in Newfoundland to Dr. Williams 7 he's trying to deal with it, did he bring that 8 attention directly, the letter is to him -to your attention in December, because you had 8 witnessed this back in August? 9 MR. TILLEY: 9 10 A. Yes. 10 MR. TILLEY: 11 COFFEY, Q.C.: 11 A. I certainly did on August 1st. Q. And he's the person who's in charge of, from 12 12 COFFEY, Q.C.: 13 your perspective, dealing with the whole ER/PR Q. Yes, so I'm asking you --13 14 MR. TILLEY: 14 matter. A. And there's a couple of telephone logs that 15 MR. TILLEY: 15 I'm thinking of, but it may have been back in A. Uh-hm. 16 17 COFFEY, Q.C.: 17 that same point in time. It wouldn't surprise Q. He did not bring that to your attention, like, me to know that that issue is still there with 18 18 19 in the sense of any kind of detailed way that technologists and pathologists, because I was 19 certainly aware of some of the issues that 20 you can recall? 20 21 MR. TILLEY: 21 were going on between them in terms of their A. Unfortunately, the best that I can offer is to interaction. I can't say that -- I don't feel 22 22 say that I don't recall specifically that confident in saying that we talked about that 23 23 amount of detail specifically being attributed 24 24 letter specifically, but, you know, nor can I

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say Dr. Williams wouldn't have shared that

to Dr. Carter.

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level or the nature of that issue with me.	1 Q. And apparently Heather Predham on the same day
2 COFFEY, Q.C.:	wrote to all of the individuals involved in
3 Q. Okay. Could we go, please, to Exhibit P-0398.	3 the earlier e-mail and said, "Nancy and I have
4 Now this is an e-mail from Susan Bonnell,	4 had a look. Our comments are below", and if
5 Monday, January 30th, 2006, at 3:40 p.m. to	5 you'll look down below in the text, she's
6 Dr. Williams, Heather Predham, yourself, and	6 inserted comments in it.
7 Dr. Laing. The subject is "ER/PR", and then	7 MR. TILLEY:
8 it's key messages for potential media	8 A. Okay.
9 inquiries following Independent story, January	9 COFFEY, Q.C.:
29th, and there are a number of bullets.	10 Q. But you that day at 5:32 p.m. at the top of
11 MR. TILLEY:	the page sent an e-mail to Susan Bonnell. You
12 A. Sorry, what was the date of this one again,	12 said, "Will the term "panelling" be
13 Mr. Coffey?	understood". I take it you had read the key
14 COFFEY, Q.C.:	14 messages and expressed concern about the idea
15 Q. I apologize, January 30th, 2006.	15 of the usage of the word "panelling"?
16 MR. TILLEY:	16 MR. TILLEY:
17 A. Okay.	17 A. Yes, I guess so.
18 COFFEY, Q.C.:	18 COFFEY, Q.C.:
19 Q. We're into the new year.	19 Q. Which had to do with the physician review
20 MR. TILLEY:	20 panel.
21 A. So there was an Independent story on the 29th?	21 MR. TILLEY:
22 COFFEY, Q.C.:	22 A. Okay.
23 Q. The 29th, apparently.	23 COFFEY, Q.C.:
24 MR. TILLEY:	24 Q. I presume. Is that what it would be, you
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Page 217 Page 219 Q. If we could bring up, please, Exhibit P-0165. Q. Again, the same topic arises at the end of 1 1 Now again, I just use this as a reference 2 January of '06, why not just simply put it up 2 on your website, satisfy yourself as to what's point really, Mr. Tilley, as I appreciate it 3 3 there and send it around to all the media and was neither sent to you, nor originated from 4 4 you, but--the second page of it--this is a 5 put it up. 5 letter, page two of this, Mr. Tilley, is a 6 MR. TILLEY: 6 A. Well, looking back at it from now and focusing letter dated February 1, 2006 from Dr. 7 7 solely in on it, it's a good question. I can 8 8 Banerjee to John Ottenheimer, as Minister. say to you, at the time I'm not sure anybody And it's "Re: Laboratory Medicine Specialist, 9 9 10 had thought about that as an option, not 10 Pathologists in Newfoundland". And Dr. intentionally, just hadn't thought about it. Banerjee makes the case for improving the 11 11 working conditions. And from his perspective, 12 COFFEY, O.C.: 12 Q. And if we could, when we look at the bottom of the acute need to improve the employment 13 13 that exhibit, because if you recall, I said to conditions for pathologists. You can take 14 14 your time and have a look at it, but you that, pointed out to you that Ms. Predham 15 15 16 had pointed out, "our comments are below". 16 MR. TILLEY: And if you actually read the text carefully, A. Okay, if you don't mind. 17 17 there are certain comments added by her. But 18 18 COFFEY, Q.C.: 19 here at the very end, it's been inserted, Q. You go right ahead. And Commissioner, you, of "Susan, is this something for you to say to course, we've seen this here before. 20 20 the media or to hand out? If it's something 21 21 MR. TILLEY: 22 for you to use, it's fine, but if it's a A. Okay. handout, it starts of a bit abruptly, I 23 23 COFFEY, Q.C.: think". So, suggesting that, in fact, at Q. So, Mr. Tilley, in terms of--and Dr. Banerjee 24 least it had crossed Ms. Predham's mind that here is writing on letterhead of the Canadian 25 25 Page 218 Page 220 Ms. Bonnell might not only--it might not only Association of Pathologists. 1 1 2 be used to speak, but could, in fact, be 2 MR. TILLEY: 3 handed out as a -A. Uh-hm. 3 4 MR. TILLEY: 4 COFFEY, O.C.: A. Yes. Q. Okay. Let me just scroll up the page so you 5 can see it here. There you are. Now, in 6 COFFEY, Q.C.: 6 Q. - hand out. So, someone at least thought 7 terms of this whole issue about recruiting of 7 pathologists, their pay levels and so on, this that--were you aware--so, obviously you 8 8 weren't aware or you don't recall anyway. is February of '06. As the CEO of Eastern 9 Health and you had been the CEO of the Health 10 MR. TILLEY: 10 A. That we would hand it -11 Care Corporation, what, if anything, did you know about that whole issue? How aware were 12 COFFEY, Q.C.: 12 Q. Yes. 13 you of it? The issue of getting better pay 13 for these individuals. 14 MR. TILLEY: 14 A. - out to the media. The question you asked 15 15 MR. TILLEY: earlier is why didn't we put it in the A. Yes. Well, I was certainly aware of it. I'm 16 16 not sure I was as acutely aware of it during 17 website. 17 Mr. Ottenheimer's day, but I certainly 18 COFFEY, Q.C.: 18 Q. Yes, or pass it out. I prefaced it by saying remember it in Mr. Osborne's day. I have it 19 19 referenced in a number of issues that I had 20 pass -20 spoken to the deputy minister about in a 21 MR. TILLEY: 21 A. To my knowledge that hadn't been suggested, meeting. I'm not sure exactly what date that 22 22 but I guess, it's sort of a reflection of was. Also in the summer of 2005 one of the 23 23 having the benefit of hindsight. 24 24 things that I noted was the issue of 25 COFFEY, Q.C.: 25 pathologist turnover.

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1 COFFEY, Q.C.:	1 available elsewhere in the country to avoid an
2 Q. When the ER/PR matter came up -	2 exit. So, you know, I certainly -
3 MR. TILLEY:	3 COFFEY, Q.C.:
4 A. That's correct.	4 Q. Sorry, I interrupted you, you said, he asked,
5 COFFEY, Q.C.:	5 somebody, the minister perhaps at the time
6 Q that's one of the -	6 said, when is this going to stop?
7 MR. TILLEY:	7 MR. TILLEY:
8 A. Right.	8 A. Yes, in terms of, you know, when are you going
9 COFFEY, Q.C.:	9 to stop bringing these issues forward. I
10 Q. One aspect of this was the turnover issue.	mean, you got to start planning for these
11 MR. TILLEY:	issues more in advance. And the reality in
12 A. It had been referenced that the organization	many of the situations that we faced, some we
had experienced a lot of turnover amongst both	could see it coming and others because of the
oncologists and pathologists. There was a	14 few numbers that we had, resignation or an
situation that we were dealing with at the	exodus, just even a few numbers could have a
time. I think it had to do with our	major impact. It really was not able to be
pharmacists and the private sector had	predicted. Now, the issue of compensation for
increased the salaries for pharmacists to such	physicians were not issues that the Health
an extent that it was hard for a pharmacist to	19 Authorities had direct influence over.
20 turn it down, despite the fact that many of	20 COFFEY, Q.C.:
these pharmacists were trained in hospital	21 Q. Perhaps you could explain that to the
environments and that's where they preferred	22 Commissioner because that may, for somebody on
to work. I was taking some criticism from	the outside, that may not be readily apparent.
some treasury board officials about the fact	24 MR. TILLEY:
25 that we kept bringing up different	25 A. Okay. Well, all of the compensation for staff
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1 professional groups problems. unfortunately when that happens, it's usually 2 3 something that we can't anticipate. Pharmacists is one of them, our pathologists 4 5 were another one where we only had less than half a dozen and Ontario were looking--I'm 6 7 sorry, New Brunswick had just recruited two of 8 ours. So, we were making some of these 9 decisions on the fly. Anyway, the point of my setting that context is that I remember 10 11 somebody asking me, like, when is this going 12 to stop? And I remember saying, it may have 13 been to the minister, that, you know, I have 14 another issue out there with pathologists. 15 COFFEY, Q.C.: 16 Q. "When is this going to stop" was said in the 17 context of the pharmacists? 18 MR. TILLEY: A. Well, bringing specific disciplines to -19 20 COFFEY, O.C.: 21 Q. Okay. 22 MR. TILLEY: A. Because we had, over the years, had nurses 23 24 that we had to put in some interim steps to

Page 224 and physicians were led by the Provincial Treasury Board. In the collective bargaining process for staff, they would always look to have a representative from the system as a part of the bargaining team, but that was more to help avoid any pitfalls in what might be negotiated in the language in a collective agreement that might not be actually able to be operationalized. Still with the bargaining unit people, when it got time to talk about salaries, those that were representing the Regional Health Authorities very rarely, if at all, were involved in discussions about compensation. Over to the physician side, the physicians, most of the physicians in the province were fee for service. There were some that were salaried and pathologists were amongst those, but their compensation, as well, was decided and set by the province. When we were speaking to the pathology issue and talking about the importance of getting that issue addressed, I recall the decision at the time was made, let's do a study of the need for pathologists in the province as a whole. You know that was a process of getting

try to balance off this compensation that was

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Page 225 Page 227 more information which was bona fide. You Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association 1 1 2 know, that was a process of getting more 2 would be the body that would be representing information which was bona fide, but the physicians in those discussions. 3 3 unfortunately it lent itself to the issue 4 COFFEY, Q.C.: 4 still being outstanding and therefore, the Q. From your perspective then as CEO, okay, how 5 5 risk that our pathologists were going to be much influence, if any, did you have--you got-6 6 7 attracted by other parts of the country where -you're employing the actual pathologists who 7 these positions were clearly in demand. feel and voice the opinion and views that 8 8 THE COMMISSIONER: they're underpaid and, in fact, overworked 9 Q. When you say that the--when you talk about the 10 because the positions are not--all positions 10 government negotiating, I presume that's are not filled. And yet, you're not able to 11 11 respond financially to them. 12 Treasury Board. 12 13 MR. TILLEY: 13 MR. TILLEY: A. Uh-hm. 14 A. Yes. 14 15 THE COMMISSIONER: 15 COFFEY, O.C.: 16 Q. Treasury Board would negotiate in terms of the Q. And as well, if I could, do you know if Dr. 16 physicians. Would they, at the same time as Williams ever got involved in lobbying for or 17 17 they're negotiating with the physicians who organizing on behalf of the pathologists in 18 18 are fee for service physician, negotiate in the sense of putting forward or trying to 19 19 respect of the salary for those who weren't or advance their position? 20 20 were they separate bargaining processes? 21 21 MR. TILLEY: 22 MR. TILLEY: 22 A. Dr. Williams, I recall, did have discussions with the Department of Health. I'm not sure 23 A. Well, my understanding is they're together and 23 I should say--I shouldn't exclude the fact in what manner, to stress the need to have 24 24 that there are physicians that work within the this issue resolved. As I was skimming 25 25 Page 226 Page 228 Department of Health that oversee the through my notes in the past couple of weeks, 1 1 physician salary budget. And I'd be very again I reference the meeting that I had with 2 2 3 surprised if they weren't involved with Mr. Abbott and stress the importance of 3 Treasury Board in these deliberations. getting that issue resolved quickly. 4 4 5 COFFEY, Q.C.: 5 COFFEY, Q.C.: Q. The Treasury Board would have their own Q. So, despite the fact that your organization 6 6 physicians, own staff physicians, as it were, 7 7 actually employed these salaried physicians, in the Department of Health along the pathologists, you know, that worked for 8 8 Eastern Health or the Health Care Corporation 9 MR. TILLEY: 9 for that matter before it, you had no A. Correct. 10 11 COFFEY, O.C.: 11 influence or control over the amount of money O. - to assist. that you could pay them? 12 12 13 MR. TILLEY: 13 MR. TILLEY: A. That's correct. And even if I were to refer 14 A. Yes, that would administrative positions 14 15 within government that would support the back to the two cases I alluded to earlier, 15 compensation process. being the pharmacists, there was an occasion 16 16 17 COFFEY, Q.C.: 17 with nurses and there was another with cardio Q. In terms of the Commissioner's question about, perfusionists. We took some action, but we 18 18 19 well, the bargaining unit or bargaining did so with the blessing of government. The 19 organization on behalf of the physicians, Department of Health--because our greatest 20 20 concern is that we would do something to solve salaried or fee for service, was the NLMA? 21 21 22 MR. TILLEY: 22 our issue, but in the end, all we'd be doing is transferring our problem to one of the A. Right. Yes, my understanding is that they 23 23 both go together. I mean, they may split them regional health authorities or if anything, 24 24

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making their problem worse because they would

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out in terms of bargaining strategy, but the

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see a migration from one to the other. So	, 1	concludes with "we have to gather all the
2 that's why we would try to do more on	a 2	information together to review it and see what
3 provincial strategy.	3	information must be excluded from release.
4 COFFEY, Q.C.:	4	The two biggest issues will, of course, be the
5 Q. In terms, then, of addressing the pathologis	sts 5	personal information and information
6 voiced concerns, other than urging Treasu	ıry 6	pertaining to a quality review and, therefore,
7 Board and the deputy minister of health as	nd 7	protected under the Evidence Act. The person
8 the minister of health to do something abo	ut 8	co-ordinating this release of information will
9 it, you yourself couldn't do, I take it, much	9	get us all together in the very near future.
10 more?	10	If you have any questions, let me know.
11 MR. TILLEY:	11	Heather".
12 A. No, but I seem to recall that we had the	12	So, do you recall or do you have any
support of the deputy minister.	13	recollection of whybecause you've indicated
14 COFFEY, Q.C.:	14	that there would be an ATIPP co-ordinator or
15 Q. Yes. That would be fair. And I think that	t 15	response person. And, in fact, Ms. Predham
will come out before the Commissioner.	16	points out "the person co-ordinating this
17 MR. TILLEY:	17	release of information will get us all
18 A. Okay.	18	together in the very near future".
19 COFFEY, Q.C.:	19 MR	. TILLEY:
20 Q. So, the resistance such as it was wasn't from	m 20 A	A. Uh-hm.
the Department of Health dealing with the	ne 21 CO	FFEY, Q.C.:
pathologists concerns. It was with whom?	22 (Q. Do you know if there had been any ATIPP
23 MR. TILLEY:	23	requests before this, at all, to Eastern
24 A. It would have been within the Treasury Bo	ard. 24	Health?
25 COFFEY, Q.C.:	25 MR	. TILLEY:
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A. The one that we spoke of yesterday -2 COFFEY, Q.C.:

Q. That was the department -3

4 MR. TILLEY:

5 A. - that was for the Department of Health. There's nothing specifically that comes to 6 7 mind. I think when the ATIPP legislation came in place, there was, I believe, an expectation 8 9 that each organization would designate somebody who would, sort of, co-ordinate these 10 11 issues. And I'm thinking that that would have 12 been that person.

13 COFFEY, Q.C.:

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Q. Now, as to--if we could look please at Exhibit P-0404. Ms. Predham, the next day at 8:08 a.m. sends an e-mail to the same individuals, but points out, she says, "Hi! I forgot to say that your search would include documents from May 1, 2005 to March 10, 2006. Sharon, would you be able to pass this onto the oncologist in your area? Heather". My question on that is this, was Heather the one actually directing the parameters of responding to this because she's spelling out--she says--"your search would include

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documents" and she is, in fact, if you look at	1 THE COMMISSIONER:
2 the e-mail that had been sent the day before,	2 Q. So that was the department that would handle
3 she saysshe's, in effect, instructing all of	3 those kinds of requests, was it?
4 you to do a search of your computers and e-	4 MR. TILLEY:
5 mails using certain key words. So, -	5 A. I think there was a person designated there,
6 MR. TILLEY:	6 that's my recollection.
7 A. Is she co-ordinating this as opposed to	7 THE COMMISSIONER:
8 somebody else?	8 Q. But then when the request was being replied
9 COFFEY, Q.C.:	9 to, did you not have a role?
10 Q. No, well, right here she says -	10 MR. TILLEY:
11 MR. TILLEY:	11 A. In terms of providing information?
12 A. Yes.	12 THE COMMISSIONER:
13 COFFEY, Q.C.:	13 Q. When the information was gathered together for
14 Q in paragraph 2 you can see it.	14 ATIPPA requests, did you have a role?
15 MR. TILLEY:	15 MR. TILLEY:
16 A. Yeah.	16 A. Not unless it was directed to me, but I'm
17 COFFEY, Q.C.:	sensing here it was directed to somebody other
18 Q. "What I need for all of you to is to start	than me, but I can't say specifically, but my
gathering all the information that you have	role would be, if it was directed to me, I
re: ER/PR. Anyone else in your area involved	20 would have forwarded it out to those people
in this issue would also have to be notified	21 who are responsible for it. They would
22 and start gathering information. This	prepare the necessary documentation and then I
includes doing a search of your computers and	would write back, if in fact, that was the
e-mails using the key words ER/PR or estrogen,	route it had come in.
et cetera. If you are unsure on how to do	25 COFFEY, Q.C.:
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this search, let me know". So she, in effect,	1 Q. If we could, to assist you in answering that
2 seems, at this point, to be at least starting	2 question I just posed, Exhibit P-0405. Again,
3 the response.	3 it's the same series of e-mails, but this is
4 MR. TILLEY:	an extra one at the top of the page. Patricia
5 A. Yes.	5 Pilgrim on Friday, March 17, 2006, 11:01 a.m
6 COFFEY, Q.C.:	6 has written to the whole group as it were
7 Q. And she's asking Sharon in the e-mail the next	7 including yourself about the ATIPP requests
8 morning to pass this onto the oncologists.	8 and she says, "in my opinion" that's
9 MR. TILLEY:	9 Patricia's"this has to stay with quality for
10 A. Uh-hm.	now. We cannot have individual programs and
11 COFFEY, Q.C.:	departments taking the lead and responding to
12 Q. Now, at the time, what was the state of	these requests. If it means we have to put an
readiness, if at all, of your organization to	extra resource in quality until we get our
deal with these requests?	permanent structure worked out, well, that is
15 MR. TILLEY:	what we have to do. Some "ONE" person has co-
16 A. Well that would have been within the quality	ordinate this. My thoughts for what they are
initiatives department and I -	worth. Signed, Pat".
18 COFFEY, Q.C.:	So, I take it that at the time, this
19 Q. Where Heather was?	suggests that Ms. Pilgrim's view was that you,
20 MR. TILLEY:	as an organization, had not yet got your
21 A. That's correct.	permanent structure worked out as to how this
22 COFFEY, Q.C.:	would be done?
23 Q. Okay.	23 MR. TILLEY:
24 MR. TILLEY:	24 A. That appears to be implied there.
25 A. And I can't speak to that level of detail.	25 COFFEY, Q.C.:
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Page 237 Q. Do you know if, in fact, you ever did conduct such a search as Heather was directing you to? 3 MR. TILLEY: 4 A. I'm looking through my notes, but can't find it. There was a telephone note in my log 6 which was from Heather. By the look on your 7 face, I'm thinking that that might be the one 8 that's related. 9 COTITEY, QC: 10 Q. Actually, if we go to P-0406 actually is the 11 next: 12 COFFEY, QC: 13 A. P-4406. 14 COFFEY, QC: 15 Q eshibit up. And I think, in fact Mr. 16 Tilley, if we scroll down to page three of 17 this: 18 THE COMMISSIONER: 18 THE COMMISSIONER: 20 MR TILLEY: 21 A. Okay, thank you, Madam Commissioner. Yes, 21 that's the one I was thinking. 22 COTITEY, QC: 23 COPTEY, QC: 24 Q. P-0406, page 3, Commissioner. 25 THE COMMISSIONER: 26 Q. I'm Sorry, well, those e-mail exchanges in involving this ATTPP request began on March 15 and went on through the 17. And this is the - 9 MR. TILLEY: 15 A. Yes, It's probably not significant for the purpose of this. 16 Q. Oh. I'm sorry, you're trying to get the date of page two feeth in the purpose of this. 27 COFFEY, QC: 28 Q. Oh. I'm sorry, you're trying to get the date of page two feeth in the purpose of this. 29 Q. Mr. TILLEY: 30 A. Yes, It's probably not significant for the purpose of this. 31 Q. Sow have March 18th, March 21st and then we can electry. Qc: 32 Q. P-0406, page 3, Commissioner. 33 Q. Sow have March 18th, March 21st and then we get May and then the date after that is also - 5 COFFEY, Qc: 4 Q. Dr. Mr. TILLEY: 5 A. Yes, It's probably not significant for the purpose of this. 4 Q. Mr. TILLEY: 5 A. Yes, It's probably not significant for the purpose of this, and if you just look at the which page is which. Now, this on-in fact, the page before this, and if you just look at the page before this, and if you just look at the page before this, and if you just look at the page before this, and if you just look at the proper page, of this. 4 COFFEY, Qc: 4 Q. Pease be seated. Mr. Coffey. 5 COFFEY, Qc: 5 Q. Pinak you, Pinch Page 240 6 Q. Pinak you,
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P-0406, do you see the right-hand side is Q. Yes, Commissioner, we discussed the issue
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the page. 24 the page. 25 MR. TILLEY: 26 the date of the particular entry might be, I 27 think I gather from Mr. Tilley that exhibit P-

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1 0406, page 3, whatever the actual date that	involving Dan Fontaine, who is a pathologist,
2 that note was made, will be of some assistance	2 and compensation issues.
3 to him to answer the question generally, I	3 MR. TILLEY:
4 think he -	4 A. Yes. And he was, if I remember this, either a
5 THE COMMISSIONER:	5 Newfoundlander or an Atlantic Canadian and was
6 Q. Okay.	6 certainly seen as an individual that we were
7 MR. TILLEY:	7 endeavouring to retain.
8 A. This particular phone log, Madam Commissioner,	8 COFFEY, Q.C.:
9 is from Heather Predham and it is quite unique	9 Q. And, sir, if we could look, please,
that somebody would call me about spending	10 Commissioner and Registrar, at P-0407. Now
that amount of money, but my recollection was	here there is an e-mail from Heather Predham,
that CBC had indicated that it didn't have a	12 Monday, March 27th, 2006, 11:22 a.m. It's to
lot of money and if we could provide it free	Robert Williams, Susan Bonnell, Pam Elliott,
of charge. So the question was being posed to	Patricia Pilgrim, Terry Gulliver, Don Cook,
me was whether it would be seen as an obstacle	Nash Denic, Sharon Smith and yourself, Mr.
to say to CBC, no, we're going to stand the	Tilley and it's carboned to a number of other
ground and you have to pay the same amount.	individuals who I gather work in QI. And the
18 So you can see, I'm not sure what ASR	subject is Re: ATIPP request. She says, "Hi,
represents, there's a little arrow and then it	19 everyone, Deanne Emberley will be co-
20 says "costs arrow down" which is my way of	ordinating this request right now. We are
21 saying reduce cost and listing out the	currently on day nine, so if you could forward
options. Well, if we can reduce the amount	your information to Deanne ASAP, we will
23 requested or summarizing give them headings.	greatly appreciate it. I know the corporate
But you can see the last point, I think, which	communication's information is en route. In
is the one that I recalled and the reason I	speaking with Dan Boone, we do have an
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wanted to speak to it today, was just the	additional exception, anything Dan was present
2 importance of having all info.	2 for could be identified as being solicitor
3 COFFEY, Q.C.:	privilege. Please let Deanne know ASAP when
4 Q. And you did have that -	4 you anticipate getting the information to her,
5 MR. TILLEY:	when it is reviewed, exempted information
6 A. Yes.	6 identified, she will let you all know the
7 COFFEY, Q.C.:	7 information that must be released. If you
8 Q. Importance of having all info and you've	8 have any questions, don't hesitate to call.
9 underlined all info?	9 Heather." So, Mr. Tilley, in terms of, now
10 MR. TILLEY:	this response to an ATIPP request, from your
11 A. Yes.	perspective as a CEO, who was in charge of
12 COFFEY, Q.C.:	deciding ultimately, within your organization,
Q. While we're on, while we have this P-0406 in	what was redacted and what wasn't?
front of us, page one, please, Registrar. Mr.	14 MR. TILLEY:
Tilley, happily this part of the log is dated	15 A. Well, I would leave it to the Quality
March 21, '06, bottom of the page, Bob	Initiatives Department because I really
17 Williams. I think it's Dan Fontaine there,	physically was not able to look at these
personal tests, press release, referrals and	things and give it the attention that it
shortage of pathologist compensation. So at	probably would deserve and a final sign off.
20 that point in time -	20 COFFEY, Q.C.:
21 MR. TILLEY:	21 Q. Now, sir -
22 A. We were talking about it then for sure.	22 THE COMMISSIONER:
23 COFFEY, Q.C.:	23 Q. Do know if that department had training in
24 Q. And I take it there were some, at one point,	24 ATIPP?
if not more than one point, there was an issue	25 MR. TILLEY:
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1 A. It rings a bell, Madam Commissioner, that when	1	conference calls and that would have been one
2 they introduced that legislation, there was	2	means that we could have gotten updated on it,
3 some training provided. I would be surprised	3	but we would have been on the sidelines.
4 if we did not participate in that.	4 COF	FEY, Q.C.:
5 THE COMMISSIONER:		Okay, because in this context on the bottom of
6 Q. Okay, and Ms. Predham would presumably know?	6	the fourth page of the letter that has been
7 MR. TILLEY:	7	co-signed by Dr. Denic and Mr. Ritter, they
8 A. Not sure exactly who, but there may have been	8	have written, "It is our responsibility to now
9 one or more than one recognizing the size of	9	forewarn you that the path your government has
10 the organization.	10	recently decided to embark upon will have
11 THE COMMISSIONER:	11	serious consequences and risks. It is our
12 Q. Okay, thank you.	12	opinion that the stability and breakdown of
13 COFFEY, Q.C.:	13	medical care in the province rests in the
Q. Now, in terms of proceeding here, Exhibit P-	14	balance." And one can look through the entire
15 0199 please? Now in particular page two	15	letter to see the context in which that was
please? Now, Mr. Tilley, bear with me, this	16	being said, but that kind of, the fact that
is a letter of May 16th, 2006 from	17	these two gentlemen were painting such a
Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association,	18	caution to the two ministers of the
it's addressed to Tom Osborne, Minister of	19	government, there was no mechanism in place, I
20 Health and Loyola Sullivan, Minister of	20	take it, to ensure that this was brought to
21 Finance. "Dear Minister, re: provision of	21	your attention? If it was, it would have been
22 pathology services in Newfoundland and	22	more by being brought up in a route telephone
Labrador." And it goes on, watch me scroll	23	call.
24 through here, for some five pages, we're into	24 MR.	TILLEY:
25 the fifth page and this is a letter setting	25 A	. That's correct. Being in the organization, I
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6	Heather says, "I need direction from both of	6	articles, she couches it in terms of being
7	you on how to proceed with this request." And	7	afraid of what Mr. Quinn might or might not
8	the "both" in this context is George Tilley	8	find himself on the internet, as opposed to
9	and Robert Williams. "Deanne spoke with Mark	9	perhaps charity.
10	Quinn on Friday and explained that we had to	10 MR.	TILLEY:
11	release all the information as requested and	11 A	. In his search of the internet on this issue,
12	that we really couldn't allow him to review	12	yes.
13	the information prior to paying for it. He	13 COF	FEY, Q.C.:
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15	he is allowed, refine his request so that	15	those notes about -
16	there was no duplication, for example, if		TILLEY:
17	there were several copies of e-mails that		. I think that would be the advice, the
18	formed a conversation, the final one which had	18	importance of having all information.
19	all the previous e-mails attached is all that		FEY, Q.C.:
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21	any articles. He said he could do his own	21	it.
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2 MR. TILLEY: A. From Dr. Denic and Mr. Ritter. 4 COFFEY, Q.C.: Q. Yes. Now on this point, I wanted to ask you 5 about this, Dr. Pollett in Memorial 6 University's medical school, what, if any, 7 interaction did you as CEO have with Memorial 8 University's medical school?

10 MR. TILLEY:

A. Well we would have an affiliation agreement 11 that would show how the two organizations 12 connect, it would refer to some positions that 13 we would consider joint. You will recall our 14 discussion about the leadership team of the 15 16 programs.

17 COFFEY, Q.C.:

Q. Yes, the discipline chairs, yes.

19 MR. TILLEY:

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A. Well, for example, with regards to the 20 clinical chiefs, it would say something to the 21 22 effect that, you know, both entities would be given an opportunity to provide input into the 23 selection of the clinical chief, but Eastern 24 Health would have the final say in the 25

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2 referring to the reverse, if there was a 3 clinical--sorry, discipline chair, then both would collaborate, but it talks about joint 4 5 appointments because many of the physicians, the far majority of all physicians working in 6 7 St. John's hospitals were also individuals that taught in the academic program and 8

selection if there's a disagreement. And

9 participated in various research activities. But he certainly wasn't signing this letter in 10

his capacity as any official in Eastern 11

Health. He was writing it in his capacity, 12 13

official capacity with the university.

14 COFFEY, Q.C.:

Q. But in terms of your interaction, there's an 15 affiliation agreement, you've described that 16 17 and how about in terms of what kind of a basis would you have interaction with your--well, 18 19 who would be your counterpart at Memorial?

20 MR. TILLEY:

21 A. The president of the university.

22 COFFEY, Q.C.:

O. And how much interaction in terms of -23

24 MR. TILLEY:

A. Very little with the president. Now that had

2 the dean of the Faculty of Medicine and the

vice president for Medical Services, both of 3 whom were located in the Health Sciences 4

Centre complex. Historically there was a 5

relationship pre Eastern Health, it may have 6

been midway through Health Care Corporation 7

days, when the CEO linked up with the dean. 8

And that goes back historically when the 9 10

Janeway was a separate hospital, et cetera, et cetera. But clearly as the Health Care

Corporation became an entity and then Eastern 12

Health, the relationships got very different 13

and even in the old agreements, it talked 14 about the chair of the Board of Regions even

15 16 particularly participating, which was really

well beyond its day. 17

18 COFFEY, Q.C.:

19 Q. I take it then that in your time as CEO of the Health Care Corporation and then of Eastern 20 Health, you would have had little interaction 21

22 with the dean of medicine?

23 MR. TILLEY:

A. The dean, though it occurred to me that in 24 Eastern Health's day we did have the dean as 25

an ex officio member of the Board or Trustees. 1

2 COFFEY, Q.C.:

Q. Okay. 3

4 MR. TILLEY:

A. Not a -

6 THE COMMISSIONER:

Q. In Eastern Health's day or -

8 MR. TILLEY:

A. Yeah, in Eastern Health's day.

11 Q. Yes, and in fact, is there something about the fact that he couldn't send a substitute. 12

13 MR. TILLEY:

A. Oh yes, that's correct, that rings a bell. 14

The dean had difficulty attending all board 15 meetings and at one point in time, Dr. Rourke 16

had suggested that he designate a substitute 17

and I had chatted to the board chair about 18

that and she felt that it was important to 19

have continuity, so he either could attend 20 meetings or he couldn't, but he would be 21

entitled to get access to minutes of board

meetings. 23

24 COFFEY, O.C.:

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25 Q. Sure. But in terms of you, as the CEO of the

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Multi-Page TM **April 18, 2008 Inquiry on Hormone Receptor Testing** Page 257 Page 259 time, don't recall anything specific about organization and the dean of medicine, there 1 1 epidemiologist statistician, but you know, 2 wouldn't be a whole lot of interaction, it 2 there's a lot of information flowing, a lot of would be sporadic. 3 3 people talking. 4 MR. TILLEY: 4 A. On the issues that would require resolution 5 5 COFFEY, Q.C.: would typically be dealt with between the Q. In terms of yourself, you don't -6 vice-president and the dean. 7 8 COFFEY, O.C.: A. I can't recall anything of that nature. 9 COFFEY, Q.C.: Q. In terms of ER/PR, did you ever have any 9 interaction with the medical school or their Q. If we could, please, Exhibit P-0411 and you'll 10 10 representative, like, you know, as medical be happy to know, Mr. Tilley, we're into July 11 11 representatives and ER/PR that you can recall? of '06. Now this is, well seems to be a memo 12 12 13 MR. TILLEY: from Heather Predham, dated July 4th, 2006. 13 It's to Dr. Williams, yourself, Pat Pilgrim 14 A. No, I can't recall. 14 and Pam Elliott, who was the director of 15 COFFEY, O.C.: 15 Q. On that point, Eastern Health, by this point quality and risk management. It's re: 16 16 in time, the time we're concerned about, does estrogen and progesterone receptor testing, 17 17 Eastern Health employ any epidemiologists? DCIS and retro converters. And she starts, "I 18 18 19 MR. TILLEY: 19 need to bring your attention to two situations that have developed during our ER/PR review." A. I'm trying to organize in my mind, there were 20 20 epidemiologists around, but I think they were Now, if I could, just while I'm at it, Mr. 21 21 22 employed by the university, but thought that 22 Tilley, there's some handwriting down at the we could access them if in fact that was an bottom of the page there. Do you recognize 23 23 whose handwriting that is? 24 24 25 COFFEY, Q.C.: 25 MR. TILLEY: Page 258 Page 260 Q. And in term of, though, statistical analysis A. No, I don't, the names I recognize, but not 1 1 or that sort of thing -2 the writing. 2 3 COFFEY, Q.C.: 3 MR. TILLEY: Q. Yes, and it's Larry Alteen -A. I can remember a discussion with Dr. Williams 4 5 at one point when he took over the quality 5 MR. TILLEY: portfolio in Eastern Health, he had made a A. And Ken Jenkins, both of which were vice-6 6 7 suggestion, in fact, that we probably would 7 presidents for Medical Services in the Central

- benefit from having an epidemiologist on 8
- board.
- 10 COFFEY, O.C.:
- 11 Q. Okay, and he suggested it, did it ever
- actually get done? 12
- 13 MR. TILLEY:
- 14 A. It certainly didn't occur during my tenure.
- 15 COFFEY, Q.C.:
- Q. And do you know, you know, in the time you 16
- were involved with the ER/PR issue, was there 17
- ever any thought given to or voiced to in 18
- 19 employing a statistician simpliciter or an
- epidemiologist in relation to the ER/PR 20
- matter? 21
- 22 MR. TILLEY:
- A. Discussions on my part in terms of 23 24
- retroactively looking at this, in terms of
- data management, yes, but during that point in 25

- and Western Health Authorities, respectively. 8
- 9 COFFEY, Q.C.:
- Q. Yes. Now, the first of these paragraphs, the 10 first of the two situations is described as
- 11
- one, ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS) and this 12
- 13 memo goes on about DCIS and how certain things
- had developed in respect of it. And then if 14
- we go to the second page, there is a 15
- classification, "Retro Converters". And she 16
- concludes by saying, "I will update you as we 17
- deal with the remaining patients in the DCIS 18
- category. If you have any questions, please 19
- do not hesitate to contact me." Now, the 20
- situation with respect to DCIS and the retro 21
- 22
 - converters, when was that first brought to
- your attention, do you recall? 23
- 24 MR. TILLEY:
- 25 A. I was certainly aware of it, but I can't speak

Page 261 Page 263 to when I would have first become aware of it. 1 1 COFFEY, O.C.: 2 My understanding was is that these were issues Q. It refers to a meeting has been arranged-that while they're related to the ER/PR thing, "will meet with them in the next few weeks to 3 3 were picked up as issues while the review was disclose the information", that is 4 4 underway. 5 5 representatives of Eastern Health and the 6 COFFEY, Q.C.: clinical chiefs of pathology in cancer care. 6 Q. Okay, and what was your understanding of like 7 7 MR. TILLEY: who was addressing them? 8 8 A. Right, so they were bringing these two issues, the latter. I think, was retro converters. 9 MR. TILLEY: A. That their treating oncologists, is my 10 COFFEY, O.C.: 10 understanding, would be following up in terms O. Yes, the second issue was retro converters 11 11 of a disclosure with the patients with regards 12 which is on the second page. And this is 12 to this diagnosis. described as all patients who were negative 13 13 for ER were included in the retesting process. 14 COFFEY, Q.C.: 14 As the clinical definition of negative changed Q. So the DCIS category here is described in the 15 15 16 third last paragraph on the first page, over the years, all patients with an ER of 30 16 "However, this review has also revealed percent or less were retested. This means 17 17 patients who were incorrectly diagnosed in that in the group retested there are women 18 18 who, although their ER level met this 19 their original pathology report with an 19 evasive disease. This may have lead them to definition of negative, were considered 20 20 being treated with Tamoxifen or chemotherapy. positive at the time and received hormonal 21 21 22 At this time there are three women who fall in 22 treatment. However in four cases, retesting this category. Representatives of Eastern by Mount Sinai identified that women in this 23 23 Health and the clinical chiefs of pathology in category now have an ER/PR status of zero 24 24 cancer care will meet with them in the next percent, which has been confirmed by 25 25 Page 264 Page 262 few weeks to disclose this information." And subsequent retesting in Mount Sinai and 1 1 2 they were then waiting for four more patients representatives of Eastern Health and the 2 to be reviewed, to be determined as to whether clinical chiefs of pathology in cancer care 3 3 will meet with them in the next few weeks to or not the same categorization applied to 4 4 5 them. You know, from your perspective as a 5 disclose this information." So, what was your CEO and dealing with the people in this understanding of what had happened with your 6 6 7 situation, how did that figure in your world, 7 retro converters? as it were, in terms of managing the issue? 8 8 MR. TILLEY: 9 MR. TILLEY: 9 A. I'm trying to interpret the comments here, but because there were people with less than -- or A. Well, I was very concerned with that finding. 10 10 11 It would have originated from the original 11 fell in the definition of negative, it had diagnosis within the lab. As I've alluded to turned out that their results were, in fact, 12 12 13 already, I know that adverse events happened. 13 zero, and that would have put them in the negative status in terms of treatment. 14 COFFEY, Q.C.: 14 O. Sure. 15 COFFEY, Q.C.: 15 Q. So did you understand that they had been over 16 MR. TILLEY: 16 or under treated with Tamoxifen or had 17 A. And unfortunately we had, through this 17 process, picked up these issues, but I also received Tamoxifen at all, the retro 18 18 understood that there was efforts underway to converters? 19 19 make contact with the patients. 20 20 MR. TILLEY: 21 COFFEY, O.C.: 21 A. My understanding is that they would have received Tamoxifen and maybe unnecessarily. Q. And they're, in fact, reflected, it's 22 22 reflected there, the actual efforts are -23 COFFEY, Q.C.: 23 24 Q. Okay. You understood they were being dealt 24 MR. TILLEY: A. Okay. 25 with by way of follow up by physicians?

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1 MR. TILLEY:	1 Q.	. Pardon me?
2 A. Yes.	2 MR.	TILLEY:
3 COFFEY, Q.C.:	3 A.	. That's my writing.
4 Q. And representatives from Eastern Health. If	4 COF	FEY, Q.C.:
5 we could, please what in the meantime was	5 Q.	Yes, acknowledged by e-mail, August 14th, '06.
6 going on with respect to the ER/PR matters in	6 MR.	TILLEY:
7 terms of as a general overview? I believe,	7 A.	. Uh-hm.
8 in February of '07, the I'm sorry, February	8 COF	FEY, Q.C.:
9 of '06, all the retest results were generally	9 Q.	That could be 14 or 7, but it's one or the
back from Mount Sinai. This is the summer of	10	other. Mr. Tilley, he's written to you
11 '06.	11	saying, "I'm writing concerning the national
12 MR. TILLEY:	12	issue we've been advocating for concerning
13 A. My recollection is that there was work going	13	setting up a reference lab for laboratories
on to ensure that the recommendations of the	14	that do ER and PR testing in the country, and
external reviews were being acted upon, that	15	I've attached a proposal from a group called
there was whatever patient follow up that was	16	Canadian Coalition for Quality Laboratory
to be done was underway or concluded, that	17	Medicine, with a proposal with respect to
they were starting to put some numbers around	18	immunohistochemistry. The proposal deals with
19 summary numbers around the overall results.	19	Class I tests, which does not include the
20 There was a recollection that there was a	20	important ER and PR component. Dr. Don Cook
lot of discussion going on in the lab that did	21	advises that the weekend meeting of the
result in some presentations in the fall.	22	Canadian Association of Pathologists held in
23 COFFEY, Q.C.:	23	St. John's this matter was discussed on their
24 Q. Okay.	24	agenda. The Canadian Association of
25 MR. TILLEY:	25	Pathologists, through their President, Dr.
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1 A. That internally initially was to try to deal	1	Diponkar Banerjee, will be writing the
with the need for the lab to be able to assure	2	Canadian Coalition for Quality Laboratory
3 the organization and the other physicians	3	Medicine supporting the thrust of their
4 about what we had done and the competence in	4	initiative, but recommending that Class II
5 the system.	5	test also be included in their proposal. He
6 COFFEY, Q.C.:	6	will also be writing the Canadian Association
7 Q. Okay. If we could, please, Exhibit P-0412,	7	of Medical Oncologists, the Canadian
8 page 18. Now, Mr. Tilley, this is on Eastern	8	Association of Radiation Oncologists, the
9 Health's letterhead. It's a letter from Dr.	9	Canadian Association of Provincial Cancer
Robert Williams on the stationery. The stamp	10	Agencies, and the Canadian Cancer Society, to
here is "Office of the CEO", July 26th, 2006,	11	ask for their support in setting up some kind
Eastern Health, and it's dated July 19th,	12	of a national quality testing program for
2006, the actual letter. It's addressed to	13	immunohistochemistry, perhaps similar to that
yourself, and it's a handwritten note over	14	in place in other jurisdictions. This is good
here to the right hand side. I believe it	15	news, and hopefully this will lead to national
says, "George, I advised Peter Dawe of these	16	standardization and assurance that the lab's
developments. He is supportive", and that	17	testing in this area will be part of a
would be Dr. Williams initials, July 21, 2006,	18	national quality assurance program, yours
and here Dr. Williams had written this to you,	19	sincerely". Now, Mr. Tilley, you had made an
but it's copied to Dr. Denic, Terry Gulliver,	20	effort certainly in the fall of 2005, and
Down Elliott and Hoothon Dundham Hair mated	101	

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24 MR. TILLEY: A. Yes.

we've looked at that, to have this addressed.

I think this is perhaps in the summer of '06

where the matter stood.

Pam Elliott, and Heather Predham. He's noted

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here --

A. That's me.

23 MR. TILLEY:

25 COFFEY, Q.C.:

Page 269 Page 271 A. Uh-hm. 1 COFFEY, O.C.: Q. Now on that point, you're currently working 2 COFFEY, O.C.: for whom? Q. Did anyone -- has anyone ever explained to 3 3 4 MR. TILLEY: you, in your capacity as CEO of Eastern 4 A. The Canadian Health Services Research Health, why there was no standardization when 5 5 Foundation. you first inquired, and what the problem was 6 or the obstacles were to having it? In your -7 COFFEY, O.C.: 7 Q. And their general mandate? 8 - you were involved in this as a CEO, and you 9 MR. TILLEY: advocated --A. To promote the use of evidence-based decision 10 MR. TILLEY: 10 making in health services, but not clinical A. I don't think anybody sat down and said to me 11 11 why. The few contacts that I made on a 12 services. 12 13 COFFEY, O.C.: individual level didn't seem to get much 13 appetite in terms of picking this issue up. 14 Q. Okay. 14 So for me, it was an effort to try to speak to 15 MR. TILLEY: 15 16 A. But the whole thrust of the organization is to 16 this on the national scene, but why there was promote the fact that there's evidence any reluctance on the national scene, I 17 17 available that we're probably not using as a couldn't elaborate. 18 18 system, or maybe the evidence doesn't exist, 19 19 COFFEY, O.C.: and we should be going to look to get evidence Q. You'd be speculating about it, but --20 20 on which to base decisions. 21 THE COMMISSIONER: 21 22 COFFEY, O.C.: 22 Q. Mr. Tilley, do you have any reason to believe that ER/PR is somehow unique? Why would we Q. Now, sir, I appreciate that your current 23 23 occupation doesn't involve you in ER/PR believe that there's this one test that has 24 24 matters, I understand that, but are you aware escaped all efforts to standardize? Is ER/PR 25 25 Page 270 Page 272 unique in that sense; are we saying there are of -- have you paid any attention to the idea 1 1 2 of standardization, national standardization 2 standardized tests for everything else in the in respect of immunohistochemistry, in lab, but there are none for ER/PR, or are 3 3 particular, ER/PR? Have you paid any there a class of tests perhaps where there is 4 4 5 attention to where that is? not standardization? 6 MR. TILLEY: 6 MR. TILLEY: 7 A. Not directly, but I worked mostly out of 7 A. Madam Commissioner, I can't -- I don't have Ottawa for the past year, and I do listen to 8 enough knowledge to speak about the lab, but 8 the news from time to time and keep hearing if I can speak about health care, in general. 9 9 this issue being spoken of, so it clearly is 10 THE COMMISSIONER: 10 something that seems to be stuck on the radar 11 11 o. Okay. screen and I'm glad to hear that. 12 12 MR. TILLEY: 13 COFFEY, Q.C.: 13 A. You'll find that policies and standards really are routine for most things that go on within 14 Q. But in terms of it actually having advanced to 14 the point where there is standardization, you 15 a health care setting. So to have areas that 15 have no reason to believe that's occurred? have been in existence for some time that 16 16 17 MR. TILLEY: 17 don't have specific standards stand out, and, A. I have not seen anything specifically, nor has you know, there are obviously new develops on 18 18 19 anybody jumped out to tell me that we've an ongoing basis and it takes time for some of 19 those things to actually get put in force, but reached the summit. 20 20 when I started becoming aware of this issue 21 COFFEY, O.C.: 21 Q. Yeah. Did anyone ever -- Mr. Tilley, you and got an appreciation for what was happening 22 22 stayed on for another year beyond this with on the global scene, but not on the Canadian 23 23 scene, it does stand out as to how come that 24 Eastern Health. 24

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we haven't advanced to that part, but that's

25 MR. TILLEY:

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1	only speaking as a layman. There may be other	1	refresh your memory as to what else as time
2		2	went on was going on related to this issue,
3	that would be similar to this nature.	3	this is a letter of July 5, 2006, to Dr.
4	THE COMMISSIONER:	4	Robert Williams. It's from Drs Joy McCarthy
5	Q. What about the setting of standards generally	5	and Beverley Carter, who are co-chairs of
6	speaking in the health care? For example, an	6	Breast Disease Site Group, cc'd to Ms. Pat
7	area where you well, pick an area where you	7	Pilgrim, Sharon Smith, Dr. Kara Laing, and
8		8	yourself, and the two doctors who were at a
9	MR. TILLEY:	9	recent meeting, great enthusiasm was expressed
10	A. Within nursing.	10	by many specialty groups for creating a breast
11	THE COMMISSIONER:	11	disease site group at Eastern Health. As you
12	Q. Okay, so who sets those?	12	recall, the impetus for this group came from
13	MR. TILLEY:	13	your office", which would be Dr. Williams, "as
14	A. Well, in the main, we have professional	14	a result of multiple meetings concerning ER
15	nursing bodies that would be providing what	15	and PR laboratory testing and the care of
16	parameters would be, the abilities of nurses	16	patients with breast cancer in this province.
17	would be. There would be national standards	17	Please see attached proposal for the
18	from the Canadian Standards Association who	18	development and staffing needs for the BDSG.
19	would provide guidance in terms of how or	19	We look forward to your prompt reply and are
20	whether equipment should be used. I often use	20	available for a meeting at your convenience".
21	this analogy when I talk to people, "There are	21	Is this you would have received a copy of
22	days that I wondered about as CEO what I	22	this, I presume, and the proposal. This is
23	actually controlled", because so many things	23	summer of '06. Do you recall what this was
24	were being controlled by groups that were	24	about, Mr. Tilley?
25	outside of my control. There were three	25	MR. TILLEY:
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1	levels of government, there were unions, there	1	A. Well, I hadn't seen it probably since the
2	were professional bodies, there were	2	summer of '06, but it comes back to me that I
3	researchers, there were physicians who I	3	remember feeling good about the fact that this
4	didn't employ, but were given the privilege, a	4	thing seems to be taking on a great deal of
5	term we use internally, to practise within the	5	interest within the organization. The issue -
6	organization. We had suppliers who were	6	- when I scroll down the page, if there are,
7	putting new equipment in front of our eyes	7	and I'm assuming through reference in the
8	constantly. So we used we look to bodies to	8	cover page that there's reference to the need
9	help guide us. Now having said that, we would	9	for support, human resource support
10	also look in the organization, and I'm sure if	10	COFFEY, Q.C.:

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11 you would go to any work area in Eastern 12 Health and said show me your policy and 13 procedure manual, you'll probably get 14 something that doubles the size of what I have 15 on my desk because policies are very important in terms of articulating what the standards 16 17 would be, what the protocols would be, so 18 staff would be given guidance. So from my 19 thinking, it was a surprise that we did have a test within the system that really didn't --20 21 wasn't developed to the point of what we

23 COFFEY, Q.C.:

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24 Q. Exhibit P-0413, please. Mr. Tilley, to help you to -- in a documentary way, help you 25

typically saw in health care.

11 O. Yes. 12 MR. TILLEY: A. Sharon Smith would be the Program Director for 13 14 Cancer Care, so would be given the first 15 opportunity to see what they could do within 16 the program, and she would report to Pat 17 Pilgrim, and Pat Pilgrim then to me. So I was 18 seeing this more of a positive outcome of what 19 we were going through, and would be the types 20 of things that I would see appropriate within 21 a teaching hospital. 22 COFFEY, Q.C.:

Q. Do you recall if you were ever called upon to

provide further resources?

25 MR. TILLEY:

Page 277 Page 279 A. That I have no recollection of. A. Well, that's right. We weren't able to access 2 COFFEY, O.C.: 2 Dr. Williams at the time, and I certainly didn't feel that I had the knowledge to be Q. If we could, please, Registrar, Exhibit P-3 3 0170. If we could, please -- this is an eable to speak to this on a -- extensive way. 4 4 mail again -- it involves the Department of 5 5 COFFEY, Q.C.: Health, but August 4th, 2006, 3:37 p.m. The Q. And the advantage of providing a written 6 6 subject is Message for the Current. For your statement was what? 7 7 information, the Current is running a story on 8 8 MR. TILLEY: ER/PR. Please see attached statement 9 A. Well, at least we were prepared to make an 10 forwarded by Eastern Health. This story was 10 effort to send a message. air nationally on Monday. Signed, Tansy". 11 11 COFFEY, O.C.: Then if we could go, please -- well, actually 12 12 Q. Now, do you recall who drafted this statement? just turn the page. I'll just go to page two 13 MR. TILLEY: 13 here so you can see it. This is a statement 14 14 A. I was in my family room and I know that there on Eastern Health letterhead. The signator at 15 were other people on the other end of the 15 16 the bottom is George Tilley, yourself. This 16 phone. I'm sure Susan was there, but beyond one happens to be undated, but if we could go, that I can't recall. 17 17 please, to Exhibit P-0102, this is the same 18 18 COFFEY, O.C.: 19 letter on Eastern Health letterhead from O. And she was there, what yourself. At the bottom, it says, "Message to 20 20 MR. TILLEY: the Current, CBC Radio, August 4, 2006". So 21 21 A. On the other end of the phone. 22 what -- Mr. Tilley, what was this about? I 22 COFFEY, Q.C.: mean, how did this come about? 23 Q. The phone, okay. 23 24 MR. TILLEY: 24 MR. TILLEY: 25 A. What I recall is that the Current, which is a A. Yeah. And I think there were other people Page 280 Page 278 national radio program, had called to the 1 with her, but I can't pull those out of my 1 2 organization to look for a person to speak on 2 head. 3 this particular issue. As it happened, my 3 COFFEY, Q.C.: recollection is that both Dr. Williams and I Q. And what was the, you know, the gist or the 4 4 5 had taken some time off, that Susan Bonnell 5 thrust of the current program to be about, what was the topic? had been unsuccessful in her ability to reach 6 6 7 Dr. Williams, he was on vacation, but she did 7 MR. TILLEY: 8 reach me. I was at home at the time and A. It was, to my recollection, ER/PR. And -9 talked about how or what options there might 9 COFFEY, Q.C.: be in terms of replying to this, and I can't Q. Did it have anything to do with--look at the, 10 10 11 remember whose idea it was, but the letter 11 when we look through that letter, it's the that you see is what came out of it, and I third-last paragraph says, "As to the 12 12 statements of claim filed against the 13 ended up putting my signature to it, and my 13 recollection then is that they did a story organization, every individual has the right 14 14 15 which talked about this particular test and to take whatever action they deem appropriate. 15 then read out loud this letter. One must allow the legal system to address the 16 16 legal issues." Was the program at least 17 COFFEY, Q.C.: 17 Q. So had Eastern Health been invited to partially about the statements of claim? 18 18 19 participate in the program? 19 MR. TILLEY: A. Okay. Well, I'm glad I never said what I 20 MR. TILLEY: 20 21 thought it was about, which was the national A. That's my recollection. 22 COFFEY, Q.C.: 22 ER/PR issue. I can't recall that. It Q. And there was a conscious decision made not to certainly could have been. 23 23 24 actually participate live? 24 COFFEY, O.C.: 25 MR. TILLEY: 25 Q. Okay. And now in terms of, you know, this

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1	matter of providing information to the media	1	time inquiring about ER/PR and looking for
2	or dealing with the media, as of that point,	2	information from Eastern Health?
3	which is the beginning of August of 2006, what	3 N	MR. TILLEY:
4	was Eastern Health's position concerning	4	A. Undoubtedly they were. In the fall when we
5	dealing with the media on ER/PR?	5	started talking about the certification
6	MR. TILLEY:	6	process, certainly remember getting calls
7	A. Well, at one point in time we did become more	7	there and Susan and I chatting and deciding
8	restrictive in terms of what we were talking	8	that the issue would be inappropriate to
9	about, but I don't recall that being a	9	comment because it's not something that we
10	significant issue in the summer of '06. If	10	want to dissect in the public arena if it's
11	they were focusing on the legal claim, then I	11	something going through a court process.
12	would think that it would be inappropriate for	12 (COFFEY, Q.C.:
13	us to be out there speaking to that issue.	13	Q. Do you have any recollection of her at times
14	But the issue about the matters which we've	14	urging you in a fairly adamant fashion that
15	already shared with the minister in terms of	15	you had to be more interactive with the media
16	what he was given to talk about in the house,	16	because she was getting a lot of queries from
17	then that certainly would have been	17	the media?
18	information that we would be willing to share.	18 N	MR. TILLEY:
19	COFFEY, Q.C.:	19	A. Susan would have been the prime contact with
20	Q. Now, what wasyou know, 2005 had ended, we	20	the media and I have no doubt that there were
21	were more than halfway through '06 now by this	21	times that she shared with me the fact that
22	point in time. What was the position of Susan	22	there was constant calls coming in with
23	Bonnell about, you know, dealing with the	23	regards to that. On a factual basis, I mean,
24	media by then, by 2006? We've seen some	24	no question about sharing information. The
25	expression of her views, you know, in e-mails	25	issues about causation of error were things
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1	back in October of '05.	1	that I was still very uncomfortable feeling
1	MR. TILLEY:	2	that we had a definitive solution to.
3	A. Um-hm.	3 (COFFEY, Q.C.:
4	COFFEY, Q.C.:	4	Q. So that's your memory of her advice to you and
5	Q. But by the summer of '06 what position was she	5	your reaction to it?
6	espousing? I say that and I'll lead you on	6 N	MR. TILLEY:
7	this point.	7	A. What I just said?
8	MR. TILLEY:	8 (COFFEY, Q.C.:
9	A. Okay.	9	Q. Yes.
10	COFFEY, Q.C.:	10 N	MR. TILLEY:
11	Q. I have reason to believe that the Commissioner	11	A. Yes. Like, Susan had initially thought that
12	will hear evidence that Ms. Bonnell was urging	12	
13	will fical evidence that wis. Donnell was diging	12	direct patient contact was the advantage. She
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urging you and your fellow executive to be

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inquiries, were the media like from time to

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1 much more interactive with the media and she	1 MR. TILLEY:
2 didn't have any success.	2 A. No.
3 MR. TILLEY:	3 COFFEY, Q.C.:
4 A. Okay.	4 Q. Mr. Simmons, I'm sure, you know, and anyone
5 COFFEY, Q.C.:	5 else will, if it's possible to, but -
6 Q. Convincing you. So I'm just goingwhile	6 MR. TILLEY:
you're here I'm going to ask you now as -	7 A. Well, all I can say is that Susan at various
8 MR. TILLEY:	8 points in time was a strong advocate for
9 A. Well, I remember a discussion that was held	9 public disclosure.
previous to theat the executive committee	10 COFFEY, Q.C.:
previous to the December debriefing. And	11 Q. Yeah.
there were suggestions or discussions there	12 MR. TILLEY:
with regards to the Evidence Act and to what	13 A. There would have been times that she would
extent that might limit or not the discussions	have said to me that the information or that
that we have in the media, and despite that we	the media were requesting information. And
made a decision to say, well, we're going to	you know, there could be times that we would
go ahead and be open about this. There's also	not have responded to the media if, in fact,
some notes in my log for the executive	there was either no information to share.
committee about legal counsel or Dan Boone	That's the only way I can think of it at the
20 being reluctant and then a note to the fact	20 moment, yeah.
that there's public trust issues, so we went	21 COFFEY, Q.C.:
22 ahead and dealt with it anyway. During the	22 Q. Okay. Now, if we could look, please, at
23 month ofduring the fall of 2006 -	23 Exhibit P-0103? This is, it's two e-mails,
	the earliest in time is the bottom of the
24 COFFEY, Q.C.:	
25 Q. See, this is before that.	25 first page, it's a message from Patricia
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1 MR. TILLEY:	Pilgrim, sent Monday, August 7th, 2006, 2:42
2 A. Right.	2 p.m. to Sharon Smith, Heather Predham,
3 COFFEY, Q.C.:	3 carboned to Susan Bonnell, Leona Barrington
4 Q. I'm getting at the spring of '06 and the	4 and Dianne Smith and the subject is "ER/PR
5 summer of '06 -	5 Review Process, The Status". Sensitivity is
6 MR. TILLEY:	6 confidential. And she is goingI'm going to
7 A. Right.	7 take you through this before we finish up
8 COFFEY, Q.C.:	8 today. Actually, perhaps I won't get through
9 Q. That's what I'mthat era right now.	9 it. But if we just could go back for a
10 MR. TILLEY:	moment, I apologize, Commissioner, and Mr.
11 A. Right.	Tilley, I just want to ask you, there's one
12 COFFEY, Q.C.:	question I wanted to ask you about P-0170,
13 Q. And the early fall of '06. And, you know, and	page 2, I forgot it. This is page 2 of that
I just, I have reason to believe, you know,	exhibit. Now, sir, just looking at this
that's going to happen, so I want to give you	because this is, you understood, was going to
the opportunity to -	be read out nationally, potentially?
17 MR. TILLEY:	17 MR. TILLEY:
18 A. Yeah. Right.	18 A. Yes, that's correct.
19 COFFEY, Q.C.:	19 COFFEY, Q.C.:
20 Q. To comment upon it.	20 Q. Which would include within Newfoundland on the
21 MR. TILLEY:	21 CDC noticed and the third noncomple com-
	21 CBC network, and the third paragraph says,
22 A. Is there anything that you found here that	21 CBC network, and the third paragraph says, 22 "More than 900 test samples were sent to Mount
22 A. Is there anything that you found here that	"More than 900 test samples were sent to Mount

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1	laboratory since 1997 when we discovered	1	it?
2	inconsistencies in a small number of results.	2	MR. TILLEY:
3	Our priority was and continues to be our	3	A. No, you're right.
4	first priority, I'm sorry, was and continues	4	COFFEY, Q.C.:
5	to be our patients. More than 900 test	5	Q. So it would lead would you agree it would
6	samples were sent to Mount Sinai laboratory in	6	
7	Toronto. Collecting, sending, retesting,	7	j j
8	reviewing all these test samples has been an	8	a small number of cases, period, that were
9	extensive process, but most tests have been	9	affected by this entire matter?
10	reviewed and most patients have been notified.	10	MR. TILLEY:
11	In the majority of cases, the patients	11	A. I can see now how that might be read that way.
12	treatment was confirmed appropriate. As part	12	COFFEY, Q.C.:
13	of the review, we have identified a small	13	<u> </u>
14	number of cases that require further follow	14	6 6 6
15	up. We are in the process of reviewing and	15	, i
16	addressing each of these cases individually,	16	• •
17	and Eastern Health is committed to disclosure	17	e e
18	and our clinical team members have	18	right now, but as an example, and it's readily
19	communicated individually with all patients	19	& •
20	impacted by this review, however", you talk	20	could bring up Exhibit P-0171. Now, Mr.
21	about patient confidentiality being important,	21	Tilley, this is page two, please. This is
22	"and, therefore, we do not discuss the details	22	a briefing note and again I will when you
23	of the individual cases publicly", and then	23	return the next day have the actual exhibit
24	there's a comment about the Statements of	24	here, but before we finish up here, there's
25	Claim. Now, Mr. Tilley, the small number of	25	quite a number of numbers here in this memo.
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1	results is used in the first paragraph, and	1	
2	then in the fourth paragraph I'm sorry	2	
3	yes, the fourth paragraph, "a small number of	3	
4	cases that require further follow up" is	4	
5	referred to. Reading this, and not knowing	5	
6	anything else about this, what would you think	6	
7	the average reader or listener would think	7	
8	about the number of cases, number of people	8	
9	who were affected by this, affected in the	9	
10	sense of, you know, had their treatment	10	
11	changed?	11	
1	MR. TILLEY:	12	-
13	A. Well, of course, the intent was that the small	13	MR. TILLEY:
14	number of cases and that each one of them were	14	
15	being followed up was in relation to the	15	COFFEY, Q.C.:
16	letter that we discussed earlier about the	16	
17	DCIS and the retro converters.	17	
1	COFFEY, Q.C.:	18	
19	Q. Which total about 12 or less patients.	1	MR. TILLEY:
1	MR. TILLEY:	20	
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20 N 21	A. Yes. So that's why it was referenced "a small	21	COFFEY, Q.C.:
1	A. Yes. So that's why it was referenced "a small number of cases". Having the opportunity to	21 22	
21	•	1	Q. In terms of dealing with an organization such
21 22 23	number of cases". Having the opportunity to	22 23	Q. In terms of dealing with an organization such

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1	fact that the discussion started to evolve	1	letter, you were on vacation at the time.
2	around this letter, and in the end I was	2	2 MR. TILLEY:
3	prepared to put my name by it. It wasn't the	3	3 A. Yes.
4	ideal way to write a letter through a	4	4 COFFEY, Q.C.:
5	conference call, but	5	Q. Is there any way of you ascertaining when your
6 COFI	FEY, Q.C.:	6	vacation was that summer?
7 Q.	What was the need at the time to provide	7	7 MR. TILLEY:
8	anything to the Current if it wasn't from your	8	A. It was erratic. The vacation schedule really
9	perspective, and bearing in mind you were on	9	for the 2005 and 2006 years were set, but
10	vacation, and it wasn't a satisfactory	10	really not achieved to an extent that I had
11	position to be in on the phone trying to	11	originally hoped.
12	dictate this and have it presumably read back	12	2 COFFEY, Q.C.:
13	to you and so on, you know, why provide	13	Q. In terms of - this does say, and I'm not
14	anything to the Current at all at that point?	14	suggesting it was prepared by, although it's
15 MR.	TILLEY:	15	printed here "prepared by Heather Predham",
16 A.	I guess it was just a feeling that we should	16	and I'm not suggesting that's necessarily at
17	be saying something as opposed to hearing the	17	all the case, but you have no recollection of
18	"no comment" reference.	18	being asked about this, for your input or your
19 COFI	FEY, Q.C.:	19	organization's input into this?
20 Q.	Now there is while we have that there, P-	20	MR. TILLEY:
21	0171, please. I want to ask you about this	21	A. It would certainly not be a surprise to me if
22	now while we're on it. If we could go,	22	somebody had indicated that information was
23	please, to page five of the exhibit, and this	23	being compiled for the Department of Health.
24	will give you some sense of the Mr. Tilley,	24	4 COFFEY, Q.C.:
25	I have no reason to believe you ever saw this,	25	Q. Sure, but other than would you have vetted
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1	but it's a briefing note that went to the	1	
2	Cabinet Secretariat. It's dated you'll see	-	2 MR. TILLEY:
3	down there, August 18th, 2006.	3	
4 MR.	TILLEY:	4	4 COFFEY, Q.C.:
1	Okay.	1	Q. Vetted it?
1	FEY, Q.C.:		6 MR. TILLEY:
1	Prepared by/approved by Heather Predham,	7	** 1.0
8	Eastern Health, and Moira Hennessey, HCS,	8	8 COFFEY, Q.C.:
9	reviewed by Marilyn McCormick, Gary Cake,	9	
10	Cabinet Secretariat. If we could go back,	10) MR. TILLEY:
11	please, to page one of the exhibit. This is an	11	1 A. No.
12	attachment, Mr. Tilley, to an e-mail between	12	2 COFFEY, Q.C.:
13	Moira Hennessey and John Abbott on August	13	
14	17th, 2006, advising Mr. Abbott, "For your	14	
15	information and review, this note will likely	15	5 MR. TILLEY:
16	go to the Premier's Office later today or	16	
17	tomorrow. Signed, Moira". Were you aware that	17	
18	there was a briefing note being prepared in	18	8 COFFEY, Q.C.:
19	early and mid August for the Cabinet	19	
20	Secretariat concerning ER/PR?	20	_
21 MR.	_	21	_
22 A.			internally in government?
1	FEY, Q.C.:		3 MR. TILLEY:
1	And on that point, as you indicated your note	24	4 A. No.
25	to the Current or for the Current, that	25	5 COFFEY, Q.C.:

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