

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 936

asked on Tuesday, 31 August 2004

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MR LANGBROEK ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENERGY (MR MICKEL)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the *Somerville Report*—

Will he advise whether the review panel had access to and was provided with material (including correspondence and briefing notes) prepared for the shareholding Minister between July 2003 and February 2004?

ANSWER:

I am advised that the Independent Review Panel had full access to Government documents, correspondence and briefing notes, and that the Panel was provided everything that it considered was relevant. Some of this material would have been confidential.

This was reflected in the probity report provided to the Government by KPMG which noted that there were not “any restrictions placed on the Panel by itself or external parties to limit the extent or spirit of its deliberations”.