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ministerial responsibility and, in general, it's not really the role of the Treasurer to provide running commentary on the evidence that other Ministers gave to previous budget estimates hearings.

**The Hon. WES FANG:** While I appreciate that, Treasurer, you were out at Dunedoo, talking to farmers, telling them that there was no way that they would be able to access any of the changes that were being made to the just terms compensation Act. Yet here we find that Minister Kamper is actually leading a review and Minister Aitchison says that there is drafting going on for a bill to be brought before the Parliament.

**The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY:** I stand by the advice that I gave to those farmers in Dunedoo, that the most immediate thing the Government can do—

**The Hon. WES FANG:** Is it that the left hand doesn't know what the right hand is doing in this Government?

**The CHAIR:** Order!

**The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY:** I'm answering your question.

**The CHAIR:** Order! Mr Fang.

**The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY:** I stand by the view that I gave to the Dunedoo farmers. Because I respect their interests as much as I do, and because I am a parliamentarian who has engaged heavily with the questions of the design of the just terms Act, the most accurate answer I have provided them is the answer I provide you, which is: The best way to help those farmers in their negotiations with EnergyCo is to ensure that EnergyCo is acting like a model—effectively—litigant. I would also point out that when we undertook that inquiry, when I was in opposition, one of its key recommendations was to ensure that public service agencies recognise the fact that they are often in better positions, and that they engage in what is otherwise termed a good-faith manner but actually as model litigants, which is that they have an additional onus on them that is not expected of their counter party.

**The Minister and I take it very seriously. Not only did we make those commitments to those farmers, but the Minister has also made it quite clear that she expects to be constantly engaged with EnergyCo and how they're being treated.** I appreciate the fact that the energy Minister will be present in estimates soon. But, I've got to say, the energy Minister is taking it very seriously—and her office—and **we have made no secret of the fact that we expect EnergyCo and others to treat all landholders with the respect that they deserve**, which is more than is required under—

**The Hon. WES FANG:** Treasurer, I'm going to redirect now. I appreciate your answer; however, I spoke to them yesterday and they still do not feel like EnergyCo is treating them with the respect.

**The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY:** Again, Mr Fang, I appreciate the fact that you're raising it—

**The Hon. WES FANG:** Now, Treasurer—

**The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY:** —and, again, we're very happy, as a result of your advocacy—

**The Hon. WES FANG:** Treasurer, I'm going to redirect to my last question.

**The Hon. BOB NANVA:** Point of order—

**The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY:** —to go back to the farmers and to ensure—

**The CHAIR:** A point of order has been taken. Excuse me, Treasurer.

**The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY:** —and to make further inquiries.

**The Hon. WES FANG:** I think the Treasurer concluded that answer.

**The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY:** No, I hadn't.

**The CHAIR:** I'm not sure, but a point of order has been taken. Mr Nanva.

**The Hon. WES FANG:** He has.

**The Hon. BOB NANVA:** Paragraph 19 of the procedural fairness resolution goes to courtesy. Mr Fang asked a series of questions and didn't provide the Treasurer with sufficient time to answer them before then seeking to redirect. You cannot redirect—

**The Hon. WES FANG:** He's been giving a monologue, Bob. He's been giving a monologue.

**The CHAIR:** Order!