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## Opposition Responds to Inquiry Testimony April 1, 2008

Opposition Leader Yvonne Jones says it's obvious government knew more about the faulty breast cancer tests than they let on. Jones was responding to yesterday's testimony at the [Cameron Inquiry](#) by former health minister, John Ottenheimer. Jones says Premier Danny Williams told the media last May he wasn't made aware of the issue until October of 2005 when Ottenheimer stated clearly in his testimony that Williams' office knew almost as soon as he did. Jones says it's obvious many people at Confederation Building had access to the information almost immediately. Ottenheimer told the commission yesterday he was made aware of the situation in July of 2005, months before it was made public. Ottenheimer says he was advised going public with the information would cause undue stress for breast cancer patients. He says he was prepared to accept what he considered to be the best medical advice offered. The inquiry is examining how nearly 400 breast cancer patients were given inaccurate results on their tests, and whether the Eastern Health Authority responded appropriately. Former Health Minister Tom Osborne is also expected at the inquiry today. Current Minister Ross Wiseman is set to appear on Thursday, with former Eastern Health CEO George Tilley on the witness list for Monday of next week.



Yvonne Jones

