

Senate Environment and Communications References Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources
Inquiry into Oil and gas exploration and production in the Beetaloo Basin
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, SCIENCE, ENERGY AND RESOURCES

TOPIC: QoN 3. Falcon Oil and Gas Empire Energy and Origin

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CHAIR: Is there any concern with Falcon Oil & Gas being related to this project?

Mr Trotman: Again, I think that sort of goes to where the court case is heading. I'll do my best to answer your question on notice if that's possible.

CHAIR: Has the department considered the concerns or any issues or the due diligence of Falcon Oil & Gas?

Mr Trotman: Again, it goes to the heart of, I think, where the application to the Federal Court is up to, so I don't really want to prejudice—

CHAIR: I understand that, but it's a very simple question. I don't understand how you can argue not to answer that question because of the court case.

Mr Trotman: Sorry, Senator, I'll ask Mr Quinn to cover that aspect.

Mr Quinn: Falcon Oil & Gas is not involved in the—

CHAIR: They have links with Empire Energy, don't they?

Mr Quinn: I'd have to take that on notice, but I think that they're in some joint projects with Origin.

CHAIR: Yes. Has Origin got any applications on foot for access to this money?

Mr Quinn: Again, that's one we're going to have to take on notice.

ANSWER

The Department is not aware of any links that Falcon Australia has with Empire Energy or its subsidiary Imperial Oil and Gas Pty Ltd.

Neither Origin Energy Ltd nor Origin Energy B2 Ltd have any active applications for grant funding under the Beetaloo Cooperative Drilling Program.