

**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**  
02 August 2021

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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, SCIENCE, ENERGY AND RESOURCES

**TOPIC:** QoN 6. FOI application

**REFERENCE:** Question on Notice (Hansard, 02 August 2021, Page 31)

**QUESTION No.: 6**

Senator McCARTHY: Through January, freedom of information has shown there was communication with Empire. There was also deliberation about Empire Energy which the government has blocked under FOI. What was that deliberation about?

Mr Trotman: I'm not sure. I'm not aware of that. But again, if I can take that on notice, we'll certainly investigate and do our very best to address that question.

Senator McCARTHY: Thank you, Mr Trotman. Can we have the document tabled unredacted, please?

Mr Trotman: Which document are you referring to? The FOI application?

Senator McCARTHY: The document I talked about in my previous question, which you have taken on notice.

Mr Trotman: Again, we'll do our level best for that once we find the document. Yes, we'll do our absolute best.

**ANSWER**

After seeking clarification from the Committee Secretariat, it has been determined that this Freedom of Information request was directed to the Minister for Resources and Water.