

**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 7. 10th of March meeting

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

**QUESTION No.:** 7

Senator McCARTHY: We understand that on 10 March Empire Energy had a face-to-face meeting with Minister Taylor. Who was at that meeting?

Mr Trotman: I'm not really across that myself. Again, we'd probably have to take that on notice. We can make some inquiries of Minister Taylor's office.

CHAIR: Let's just be clear: we need to know whether there were any representatives from the department in that meeting, including anyone in the department liaison capacity with the minister's office, and whether there was anybody there from the minister's office.

Mr Trotman: Okay, Chair. We'll definitely investigate that and we'll come back to you on notice.

Senator McCARTHY: Thank you, Chair. So you're taking questions on notice as to who was at that meeting and also, following requests by the chair, in terms of departmental involvement. Could you also explain what that meeting was about?

Mr Trotman: Certainly, Senator. We'll take that on notice and come back to you on that.

**ANSWER**

There were no Departmental representatives at the meeting between Minister Taylor and Empire Energy on 10 March 2021.