

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Seismicity of Geothermal Drilling Program (GDP) Projects
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Senator Milne asked:

Mr Morling—This sort of question would probably be better directed to Geoscience Australia. I have seen those maps put up at industry conferences. In terms of the prospectivity on this particular site, companies have to seek tenements over these particular sites so they would have made that judgement, and that would have been one of the considerations that the board that made the recommendation to the minister took into account when recommending that this company's project receive funding.

Senator MILNE—Who is on that board?

Mr Pierce—I am happy to take on notice the availability of those maps that you refer to and the geological information. If we are able to do so, will direct you to where that information can be found.

Senator MILNE—Okay - I just wanted to know who was on the board.

Answer:

The Chair and members of the Geothermal Energy Committee (GEC) were appointed by the Minister for Resources and Energy, the Hon Martin Ferguson AM MP. The GEC comprises a mix of technical, financial and governance expertise:

Dr R Bruce Godfrey (Chair) has considerable knowledge of and experience in the Australian renewable energy industry, and has served on a number of relevant Government committees.

Dr Andy Barnicoat is currently leading the Energy Minerals Systems Group at Geoscience Australia.

Mr Barry Goldstein is Director, Petroleum and Geothermal, Department of Primary Industries and Resources, South Australia and Chair of the Australian Geothermal Energy Group.

Dr Peter Moore is on the Exploration Committee of the Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (APPEA).

Dr Michael Sargent AM is a member of the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) Board.