

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2016-2017 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 1.10 Working Age Payments**

**Question No: SQ17-000085**

**Topic: Try, Test and Learn Fund - Policy Hack**

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**Senator Carol Brown** asked:

Can the committee receive a copy of the invitation and participant list to the Policy Hack held in Melbourne?

**Answer:**

Details of the Policy Hack were publicised via the Department's website, [engage.dss.gov.au](http://engage.dss.gov.au) from 4 January 2017. This included the opportunity to submit expressions of interest in attending. All individuals who submitted expressions of interest were invited to the event and, similarly, one representative was invited from each organisation that expressed interest.

Fifty-eight (58) people were invited to the Policy Hack as a result of the publicised expression of interest process. Fifty-four (54) of these invitees attended the event. An additional thirty-nine (39) participants attended as a result of direct invitations from the Department.

Attendees have not consented to their personal information being disclosed so it is not possible to release their names.