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Question:

Mr Bowles: Maybe that was when it was scheduled and we cancelled it. Maybe that is what it is

Mr Cormack: I will double-check on that.

Mr Bowles: Because I think there was from memory—I am going on memory now—one scheduled, and then the election was called and we cancelled it.

Mr Cormack: That is right.

Senator WATT: I am led to believe that the task force did not meet until October 2016, so perhaps it was pushed back.

Mr Bowles: That is possibly right.

Senator WATT: It would be helpful if we could just get the dates of each of the task force meetings, I think.

Mr Bowles: Yes. Again, it is not under our control, so we will find that out. If the second meeting was in December I doubt if we would have had one in October, but who knows? We will find that out.

Answer:

The meetings were held on 9 June 2016, 14 December 2016 and 28 March 2017.