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Senator: Watt, Murray

Question:

Senator SMITH: Mr Cormack, that information you are going to make available to us will include state government health officials?

Mr Cormack: It will include the list provided to me by GAP plus or minus any additions or amendments to that that I suggested back to GAP. But I do not have the ability to recall the list.

Senator SMITH: I have heard that.

Mr Cormack: And the additions to the list...

Mr Cormack: No, what I am saying is that I was provided with a list of suggested invitees. I made comments on those. I forwarded them back to GAP, and I will make that available on notice.

Mr Cormack: I will go back to the list. It is quite possible that there were invites that went out, from my recollection, to a number of public hospital providers in the states. And it may well be that at a whole-of-government level they decided how their representation would be managed. But again, I will just give the same answer that I gave before. We will get you the list.

Answer:

The process of inviting members was undertaken by Global Access Partners (GAP). The proposed list of invitees provided to the Department of Health is attached. The Department is unable to confirm if all those on the list were invited.