

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Senator:** Watt, Murray

**Question:**

Senator SMITH: In regard to the GAP process, then, the \$55,000 project money, why were states not more actively engaged in that? I notice at the back that they are not listed as attendees.

Mr Cormack: I can answer that one. The process of inviting members to join the task force was undertaken by GAP itself. I am certainly aware that a number of jurisdictions were invited; it was not just New South Wales that was invited. All jurisdictions were invited to send people. Obviously—

Senator WATT: All or other?

Mr Cormack: I am pretty sure all. I would have to check with GAP. We did not suggest to them which states should be invited or which states should not be invited. They invited a number of jurisdictions to participate in that.

Senator SMITH: Just on notice, if you could let me know, if it is known to you why some were more or less interested in participating in the GAP process.

Mr Cormack: All I could do would be to check who was invited and who chose to attend. You appear to have access to the records as to who chose to attend. We can—

Senator SMITH: No, I have only got one participant list. Is that the participant list just for this meeting?

Mr Bowles: Yes.

Mr Cormack: Yes. I am happy to follow that up further.

Mr Bowles: We will take that on notice.

Senator WATT: Perhaps when we get the minutes for that third meeting, whichever it is, that might have a participant list as well, which might let us know who was there that time as well.

Mr Bowles: Yes.

**Answer:**

The process of inviting members was undertaken by Global Access Partners (GAP). Please refer to SQ17-000541 for the final proposed list of attendees provided by GAP to the Department.

For the participant list for the third meeting held on 28 March 2017, please refer to SQ17-000524.