

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2015-16**

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**Senator:** Ludwig

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**Question:**

**Senator LUDWIG:** So we have got that metric. Is that showing an increase or a flat line? In other words, how do you express it—is it by month, by year?

**Mr Sheridan:** We have the information by day, essentially, because it is recorded by the booking system that books the meetings and holds records of the calls. It shows a continuing increase in the use of the system.

**Senator LUDWIG:** That is what I am trying to identify, so if you have a metric or a graph that shows that, that will be helpful. Could you take that on notice?

**Mr Sheridan:** We could take that on notice.

**Answer:**

Call volumes for the National Telepresence System since 2013 are shown in the table below. Booked Multi-person meetings involve the use of dedicated room based facilities and may represent a significant number of participants for each meeting recorded. Person to person video calls represent a user initiated connection made from a desktop TelePresence unit.

Quarter (Calendar Year)	Booked Multi-person Meetings	Person to Person Video Calls
Q1 2013	319	0
Q2 2013	397	0
Q3 2013	266	0
Q4 2013	241	0
Q1 2014	181	0
Q2 2014	202	0
Q3 2014	221	1746
Q4 2014	224	1803
Q1 2015	319	2048
Q2 2015	402	1874
Q3 2015	433	2219
Q4 2015	325	2089