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Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

Senator LUDWIG: Are there any plans to expand the number of TelePresence networks, either at phase 1 or phase 2?

Mr Sheridan: We do not have any plans to add additional networks. The infrastructure we have in place is large enough to sustain more units. Generally speaking, the demand is for personal units rather than additional rooms. We can supply those on the basis of either entitlement or, if agencies wish to purchase them, we can add them to the system for them.

Senator LUDWIG: Have you added any sites in the last three months?

Mr Sheridan: I would have to take that on notice.

Senator LUDWIG: I am happy for you to take that on notice.

Answer:

From 1 October 2015 to 31 December 2015 eight Desktop systems were added to the National TelePresence System.

At 31 December 2015 a total of 38 Multi-person dedicated room facilities and 128 Desktop single-user units were operational.